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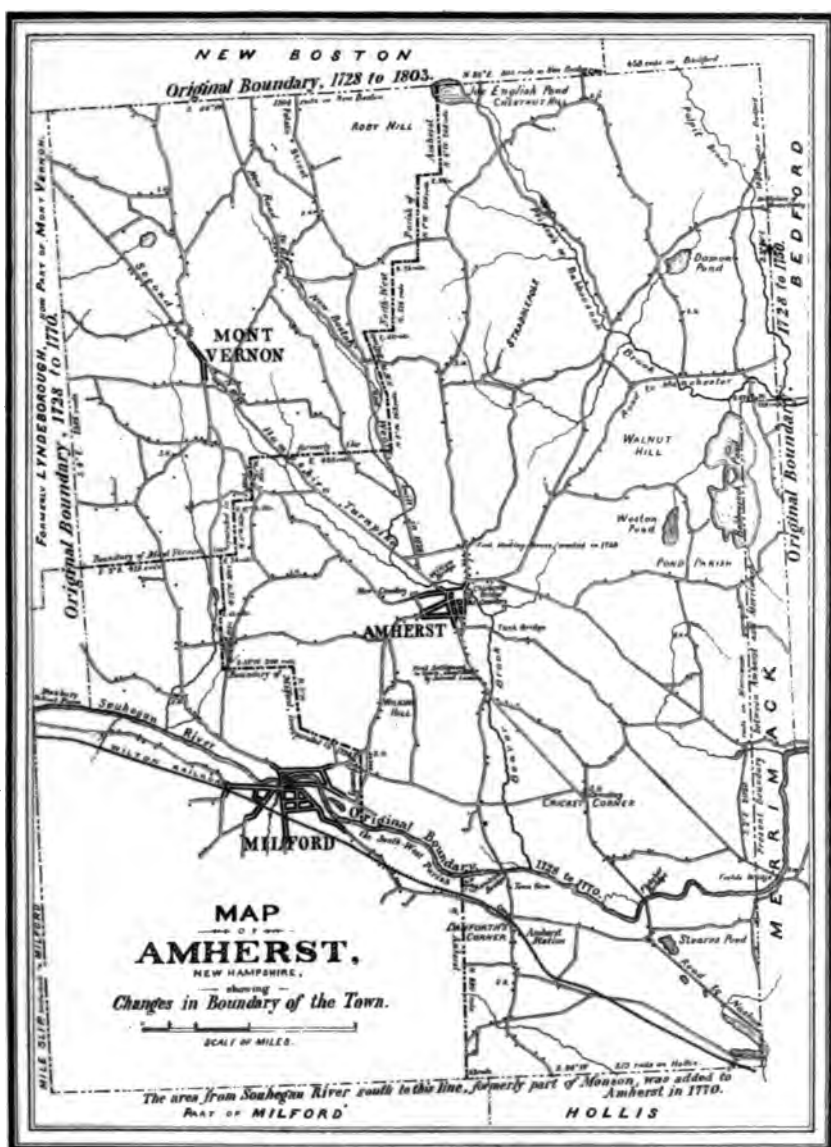












**HISTORY**  
**OF THE**  
**TOWN OF AMHERST, 1728**

HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY, NEW HAMPSHIRE,

(First known as Narraganset Township Number Three,  
and subsequently as Souhegan West)

FROM THE GRANT OF THE TOWNSHIP BY THE

GREAT AND GENERAL COURT OF THE PROVINCE  
OF MASSACHUSETTS BAY,

IN JUNE, 1728, TO MARCH, 1882.

WITH

GENEALOGIES OF AMHERST FAMILIES,

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCHES OF NATIVES AND CITIZENS OF  
THE TOWN, AND A SKETCH OF THE NARRAGANSET  
FORT FIGHT, 19 DECEMBER, 1675.

*Illustrated with a Map of the Town and Engravings.*

BY DANIEL F. SECOMB.

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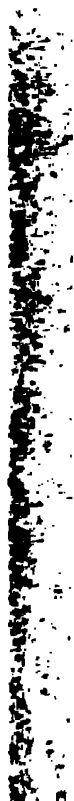
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AND TO THE  
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AND THEIR DESCENDANTS, WHEREVER SCATTERED,  
THIS HISTORY IS RESPECTFULLY INSCRIBED,  
BY THEIR FRIEND,  
THE AUTHOR.









*Edward Spalding*

## PREFACE.

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THE HISTORY OF AMHERST is now offered to its patrons. Its preparation has involved the expenditure of considerable time and patience, but, like many similar publications, it is incomplete. The proper preparation of a town history is the work of a life-time, not of three or four years.

After all, we can know but very little of the personal history of many of the early settlers in the township. Their lives were spent in the midst of dangers and privations of which we know but little. Honest, true-hearted men and women, each labored faithfully in his or her allotted place, and building better than they knew, they assisted in laying firmly and securely the foundations of our great republic. The storms of a century have leveled even the little hillocks that once marked their resting-places in the ancient "burying-ground," so that no one to-day knows of their precise locality. All honor to the memories of these brave but well-nigh forgotten pioneers.

The map of the town was drawn and presented by Warren Upham, C. E., a native of Amherst; the wood-cuts of dwellings were furnished by their owners; those of the public buildings, and the portrait of Horace Greeley, by Dr. Edward Spalding; and the other portraits of individuals, by the parties represented, or their friends.

The expenses of the compilation and publication of the work have been defrayed by Dr. Edward Spalding, who has aided the work in every way possible, assisted by contributions from Mrs. Lucy (Kendall) Spalding, William G. Means, Esq., Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Bigelow, Dea. Sewall G. Mack and William A. Mack, Esq., and also by an appropriation of \$500 by the town, to be paid upon the completion of the work.

To the many other friends who have aided him in his labors, the author desires to express his gratitude, with the hope that their reasonable expectations will not be disappointed. Thanks, friends, one and all.

CONCORD, N. H., 13 August, 1883.

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## CHAPTER I.

ORIGIN OF THE TOWN.—PROGRESS OF SETTLEMENTS IN THE MASSACHUSETTS COLONY.—GRANTS OF FARMS ON THE SOUHEGAN.—DEATH OF MASSASOIT.—CHARGES AGAINST ALEXANDER.—HIS ARREST AND DEATH.—INTRIGUES OF PHILIP.—MURDER OF SAUSAMON AND EXECUTION OF HIS MURDERERS.—COMMENCEMENT OF KING PHILIP'S WAR.—A TREATY FORCED UPON THE NARRAGANSETTS.—THE TREATY REPUDIATED BY THE CHIEFS.—EXPEDITION ORGANIZED AGAINST THE NARRAGANSETTS.—MARCH OF THE EXPEDITION.—FIGHT AT THE NARRAGANSET FORT.—SUFFERINGS OF THE COMBATANTS.—DEATH OF PHILIP, AND CLOSE OF THE WAR.—LOSSES OF THE COLONISTS.

The town of Amherst had its origin in a grant of land made by the General Court of Massachusetts to some of the citizens of that Province for services in the Narraganset War in 1675-76.

With the exception of a few slight outbreaks, the peace between the New England Colonies and their Indian neighbors remained unbroken from the close of the Pequot War, in 1637, until the commencement of the war of 1675.

In this interval the interior of the country was explored, and settlements made at a considerable distance from the coast. In 1659 a township, eight miles square, at Pena-



cook, now Concord, N. H., was granted, conditionally, by the Court to sundry inhabitants of Dover and Newbury.

In 1660 several farms, bordering on the Souhegan river, were granted, and surveyed by Jonathan Danforth, a noted surveyor in those days.

The most westerly of these, containing 1000 acres, was granted to the town of Charlestown for the support of schools. Its northwestern corner was at the foot of a great hill, since known as Dram-cup hill, whence it extended down the river about two miles, the river forming its northern boundary. The northwestern corner of this farm was also the northwestern corner of the town of Dunstable, as chartered by the authorities of Massachusetts, 16 October, 1673, and the town of Monson, to which a charter was granted by Gov. Wentworth, of New Hampshire, 1 April, 1746. Adjoining this farm, on the east, was another, of 500 acres, granted at the same time to Mrs. Anna Lane, which extended, from the easterly boundary of the school farm, 280 rods down the river. 200 acres of this farm were on the north side, and 300 acres on the south side of the river.

Next, to the east of Mrs. Lane's farm and adjoining it, another farm, of 500 hundred acres, was granted to Capt. William Davis, of Boston, and Capt. Isaac Johnson, of Roxbury. This farm, also, extended across the river about half a mile on each side, and down the river 240 rods from the eastern boundary of Mrs. Lane's farm. Both of the last named farms were at a place called by the Indians "Quohquinapassakessanahnoy."

Next, and lastly, was a farm of 700 acres, granted to John Wilson, of Boston. This extended down the river, from the Davis and Johnson farm, 364 rods; 400 acres of it lay on the north side, and 300 acres on the south side of the river.

A few years prior to this time, Massasoit, chief of the Wampanoags, whose territory adjoined that of the Ply-

mouth Colony, died. His son Alexander succeeded him, and in a short time was charged by the Colonists with endeavoring to engage the Narragansets,—at that time the most powerful of the New England tribes,—in a war against them.

On this charge he was arrested, by an armed force sent for the purpose, and taken to Plymouth. Shortly afterward he sickened and died, and his death was attributed by some of the Indians to the effects of poison administered by the English.

His brother Philip, or Metacom, succeeded him, and soon engaged in plots with the neighboring tribes to carry out the plans formed by his predecessor. A slight outbreak occurred in 1671, which was soon quelled, and he promised never again to begin war against the English until he had made his grounds of complaint known to them.

He nevertheless continued his intrigues, and even endeavored to enlist the powerful “Five Nations,” of New York, in his cause; but a miscarriage of one of his plans converted them into his bitterest enemies.

In 1674, John Sausamon, an educated Indian, who was employed by the English as a missionary among his brethren, informed the Governor of Plymouth Colony of Philip’s plots against the settlers. Soon after this Sausamon was murdered. Three Indians, charged with the murder, were arrested, tried, condemned, and executed by the English.

Enraged at this, and fearing for his own safety, Philip sent his women and children to a place of safety, armed his warriors, and robbed several houses of the settlers in the vicinity of his own dwelling.

Bands of Indians roamed over the country, insulting the settlers, and destroying their property. At last, one of the English, goaded past endurance, discharged his musket at one of his tormentors, inflicting a mortal wound. The savages then fell upon all the whites within their reach, killing them and destroying their property.

An armed force was at once raised by the Colonies and dispatched into Philip's territory, which he abandoned. Thence the army marched into the territory of the Narragansets, and dictated a treaty to them, by which they agreed to remain at peace, and upon requisition deliver to the English any of Philip's Indians that might come among them.

The treaty thus forced upon them the Narraganset chiefs repudiated when the force was withdrawn: "Not a Wampanoag, or the paring of a Wampanoag's nail shall be given up," was the indignant reply of the principal chief when called upon to deliver up some of Philip's Indians.

The commissioners of the Colonies of Massachusetts, Connecticut, and Plymouth, met at Boston, 2 November, 1675. After noticing the refusal of the Narragansets to abide by the treaty they had made, it was voted, "that in addition to the forces already raised for the prosecution of the war, there should be one thousand men raised and furnished with arms and provisions of every sort, to be ready at one hour's warning for the public service, and that each Colony should furnish its proper proportion of the same."

It was also agreed that a Commander-in-chief should be appointed over the said forces, and that they should march into the Narragansets' country, and in case the chiefs were not disposed to perform the conditions of the treaty they had entered into, make reparation for all damages already sustained by its non-fulfillment, and give security for their future fidelity, they were to endeavor to compel them thereto by the best means they could, or to proceed against them as enemies.

At a meeting held 12 November, 1675, Josiah Winslow, Esq., Governor of Plymouth Colony, was appointed Commander-in-chief, and it was recommended to the General Courts of the several Colonies that effectual care be taken that the soldiers sent on the expedition be men of courage,

strength, and activity ; their arms well fixed and fit for service ; their clothing strong and warm, fit for the season ; that they have provisions in their knapsacks for a week's march from their rendezvous, and an additional supply in a magazine appointed for a more general service. It was also ordered that a meet number of able ministers and chirurgeons be provided to accompany the expedition ; and, finally, that the second day of December following should be set apart and kept as a solemn day of fasting and humiliation to supplicate the Lord's pardoning mercy and compassion toward his poor people, and for success in their endeavors to repel the rage of the enemy.

At a meeting held 19 November, 1675, provision was made for a supply of food and ammunition sufficient for two months' service, the same to be sent to the place of rendezvous of the army ; and it was agreed that each Colony should provide for its own soldiers, special care being had to the extremity of the winter weather so that none might perish for the want of warm clothing and such other comforts as might be necessary.

The soldiers from Plymouth Colony were assured, by their Governor and Council, that " those that go forth shall in all respects be comfortably provided for," according to the season and service, and that the lands and other profits of the war that had been obtained, or by the blessing of God should be gained, should be kept as security for their pay, and should not be sold or disposed of but to answer that end ; that their Governor was designed to have the conduct of all the united forces ; that the worshipful Capt. Bradford and Capt. John Green were to be their particular commanders ; and that all who should cheerfully volunteer their services should be looked upon " with singular respect."

Places of rendezvous were appointed for the soldiers of the different Colonies, where they were to be in readiness to obey the orders of the Commander-in-chief *on or before the tenth day of December* following.

In the meantime the Narragansets were not idle. Collecting their women and children together, with provisions for the winter, they repaired to a somewhat elevated piece of ground, of some five or six acres in extent, surrounded by a swamp, lying within the limits of the present town of South Kingston, R. I., which they fortified for their protection.

The men called for by the commissioners were furnished promptly by the authorities of the different Colonies. The Massachusetts companies were mustered on Dedham Plain, on the ninth day of December. *Before setting out on their march, they were promised a reward in land for their services, in addition to their pay, provided "they played the man, and drove the Narragansets out of the fort."*

On the morning of the tenth day of December, the seven Massachusetts companies, under the command of Major Samuel Appleton, of Ipswich, took up their march, and reached the appointed rendezvous on the evening of the twelfth, where they were joined by the Plymouth detachment and the Commander-in-chief. Proceeding thence, they were joined, on the eighteenth, by the Connecticut men. That night they expected to spend at a garrison some fifteen miles distant from the Narraganset fort, but on reaching the place they found that the Indians had a few days before killed the inhabitants and burned the buildings. There they passed the night, without shelter, in the snow and cold.

The following day was Sunday. Their provisions were nearly exhausted, and at half past five in the morning they commenced their march toward the Indian fort, in the snow, which continued falling all day. After a weary march they reached the swamp surrounding the fort, between one and two o'clock in the afternoon. There the way of entrance was pointed out by the Indian guide, who accompanied the expedition, and an immediate advance was ordered.

The order was obeyed with alacrity, the Massachusetts men in front running as in a race to see who would first reach the spot. On their arrival, the passage to the fort was found to be over a log made slippery by the falling snow, which lay across a ditch filled with water. This passage was defended by sharpshooters, who occupied a sort of block-house near by, and by others who lined the tops of the palisades that inclosed the fort. Some of the captains, and many of the men fell at the first onset, and the survivors climbed over their bodies toward the fort, endeavoring to effect an entrance.

The struggle was fearful, and victory was for a long time in doubt. Once the English were repulsed. After a contest of about three hours, a party of Connecticut men, a sort of rear guard, forced an entrance into the fort in another quarter, and attacked the savages in the rear. The Indians had nearly exhausted their ammunition, but they met their new assailants with a shower of arrows.

The wigwams in the fort were set on fire, contrary to the advice of the ablest commander present, who saw the importance of a shelter for the exhausted troops after the close of the fight. Soon the frail materials of five hundred Indian dwellings formed the funereal piles of the sick and wounded and the women and children they had sheltered.

The Indians finally gave way, but the victory of the English was dearly bought. Six of their bravest captains, and about eighty men, were killed, or died of their wounds, and about one hundred and fifty were wounded. Of the Indians, it is supposed that at least one thousand perished.

When night closed upon the scene of carnage, there was no shelter for the victors or the vanquished. The Indians took refuge in a cedar swamp near by, in which, without food or covering, they passed the night. Many of them doubtless perished from cold and hunger.

The conquerors gathered up their dead and wounded and retraced their steps in the dark, through the forest, in

the midst of the storm. At two o'clock in the morning the survivors reached their camping place. Some had died on the march, and the intense cold stiffened the limbs of all. They were without shelter, and had but little food. In the morning following they could hardly move, for the depth of the snow which covered them. Fortunately, a vessel laden with provisions arrived at a landing near by in the course of the night, and saved them from starvation.

The sufferings of the Indians who escaped must have been intense. A thaw, however, occurred in mid-winter, which enabled them to procure ground-nuts and roots which partially supplied their wants.

The war continued to rage fiercely for months after the destruction of the Narraganset stronghold; but finally, 12 August, 1676, Philip, its instigator, was killed, and peace was soon after restored.

In this death struggle of the New England Indians, about six hundred of the English were killed, twelve or thirteen of their towns were wholly destroyed, and many others were greatly damaged. About six hundred buildings were burned, one eleventh of the families in the Colonies were burned out, and a large number of cattle were destroyed, with a vast amount of other property.

## CHAPTER II.

1685-1733.

THE PROMISE REDEEMED.—GRANTS TO THE NARRAGANSET SOLDIERS.—GRANT OF A TOWNSHIP IN THE NIPMUG COUNTRY.—ACTION OF THE HOUSE UPON A PETITION PRESENTED IN 1727.—POSTPONED BY THE COUNCIL.—GRANT OF TWO TOWNSHIPS, EACH SIX MILES SQUARE, TO THE SOLDIERS.—REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON ONE OF THE TOWNS LAID OUT.—THE REPORT ACCEPTED, AND THE TOWNSHIP, AFTERWARD AMHERST, CONFIRMED TO THE SOLDIERS.—A LIST OF THE PROPRIETORS PRESENTED TO THE COURT, AND A MEETING CALLED.—A FURTHER GRANT PETITIONED FOR.—ACTION OF THE HOUSE.—NOT CONCURRED IN BY THE COUNCIL.—EFFORTS MADE TO OBTAIN AN ADDITIONAL GRANT.—ADDRESS OF THE COUNCIL TO THE HOUSE, JANUARY, 1731-32. A FURTHER GRANT MADE, SUFFICIENT TO GIVE A TOWNSHIP SIX MILES SQUARE TO EACH ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY OF THE PETITIONERS.—FAILS TO RECEIVE THE APPROVAL OF GOV. BELCHER.—ANOTHER GRANT MADE, WHICH IS FINALLY CONSENTED TO BY THE GOVERNOR.

The General Court of Massachusetts, at a session held 4 June, 1685, in answer to a petition of sundry inhabitants of Lynn, Beverly, Reading, and Hingham, granted a township, eight miles square, in the "Nipmug country," in the south part of the Province, "to the petitioners and others who were serviceable to the country in the recent Indian war."

No measures appear to have been taken by the grantees to secure the township granted them. It seems never to have been located, and the land in that part of the Prov-



ince was afterward disposed of by the Court to other parties.

Another petition from the Narraganset soldiers was presented to the House of Representatives, 1 July, 1727, asking for the grant of another tract of land in place of the one formerly granted.

This petition met with a favorable reception, and an act was shortly afterward passed by the House of Representatives, by which a committee was appointed to lay out another township, eight miles square, for the petitioners.

The act was read in the Council, and its further consideration postponed until the next session of the Court.

At the next session, an act was passed by the House granting the petitioners *two* townships, each of the contents of six miles square. This action was concurred in by the Council, but failed to receive the sanction of the Governor.

“ At a session, held 15 June, 1728. In the House of Representatives. In answer to the Petition of the Soldiers that served in the Narraganset War:—

*Resolved*, that Major Chandler, Mr. Edward Shove, Major Tilestone, & Mr. John Hobson (or any three of them) be a committee fully authorized & empowered to survey & lay out two Townships of the contents of Six miles square each, in some of the unappropriated Lands of this Province, and that the said Lands be granted & disposed of to the Persons, whether Officers or Soldiers, belonging to this Province, who were in the Service of their Country in the said Narraganset War, or to their lawful Representatives, as a Reward for their public services and as a full Satisfaction of the Grant formerly made by the Great and General Court; and inasmuch as it is the full Intent and Purpose that every Officer & Soldier who served in the said war should have a Compensation made him over & above what Wages & Gratuities any of them have already received:—*That* publick Notice be given in the *News Letter*, & Advertisements be posted up in every Town in the Province, notifying all Persons that now survive & were in the Fight, & the legal Representatives of those deceased, that they give or send a List of their names & Descents to the Court in their next Fall Sessions; and when such List is compleated by a Committee then to be appointed by this Court, the Grantees shall be obliged to assemble in as short a time as they can, conveniently, not exceeding

six months, & proceed to the Choice of a Committee, to regulate each Propriety, who shall pass such Orders & Rules as will effectually oblige them to settle sixty Families at least in each Township, with a learned Orthodox Minister, within the Space of seven years from the Date of the Grant: *Provided*, nevertheless, if the said Grantees shall not effectually settle the said number of Families in each Township, & also lay out a Lot for the said settled Minister, one for the Ministry & one for the School in each of the said Townships, they shall have no advantage but forfeit their said Grants: any thing herein contained to the contrary notwithstanding.

In Council: Read & Concurred.

Consented to: WM. DUMMER."

The committee to lay out the townships attended to the duty assigned them, and presented plans of the same at the session of the Court held in the month of December following. On one of the plans is the following statement:—

"The Plan hereto annexed Shows the bounds of a Tract of Land laid out for one of the Towns Granted by the Gen'l Court to the Narraganset Soldiers. It Lyes on the North Side Sowheagun River and adjoining thereto on the South. The East part of it is about four or five miles Westward of Merrimack River; and is att or Near the East end of the Late proposed Line of Towns between Dunstable and Northfield. There is in it a Sufficient Quantity of Improvable Land Capable of making a good Town. The whole Plan contains 24,457 Acres, which is 1,417 acres more than is contained in Six miles square, which we are *Humbly of opinion* ought to be allowed for the Pond and Part of three Farms that were formerly laid out, & now Included in this Survey. It was surveyed in the month of October, 1728, with the assistance of Mr. Jonas Houghton, Surveyor, & John Goss & Stephen Mighill, Chainmen, who were sworn by Joseph Wilder, Esq.

JOHN CHANDLER, JUN'R, }  
EDW'D SHOVE, } *Committee."*  
JOHN HOBSON, }

In the House of Representatives, December 18, 1728. The report of the Committee was Read and Accepted, & *voted*, that the land protracted and described in the within Plan be and hereby is confirmed to the Officers & Soldiers belonging to this Province who were in the Service of their Country in the late Narraganset War & to their Heirs & assigns or lawful Representatives, *Provided* it exceeds not the Quantity of Land within mentioned, nor interferes with any other or

former Grant: *Provided*, also, they comply with the conditions mentioned in the said vote of the seventh (15th) of June for settling the said Town.

In Council: Read and Concur'd.

Consented to:

W. BURNET.

The township thus granted was afterward known as *Narraganset*, No. 3, and subsequently as *Souhegan West*, No. 3. It was incorporated as a town 18 January, 1760, at which time it received the name of AMHERST, from General Jeffrey Amherst, at that time Commander-in-chief of the British forces in North America.

11 May, 1729, Major Quincy and Mr. Thomas Tilestone, on the part of the House, and Thomas Hutchinson, Esq., of the Council, were appointed a committee to "take and examine a list of the claims to the Lands lately granted to the Narraganset soldiers, and compleat the same, and make report of their doings at the next May session of the Court."

17 December, 1729. The committee presented a list of the names of those who had established their claims, and recommended that the two townships be granted to the persons whose names were given in said list, and that they be required "to meet at Boston on the first Wednesday of June next following, if the small-pox be not there; if it be, then at Cambridge, then & there to chuse a Committee for Ordering their Affairs, and to do other things needful for settling said tracts of land, pursuant to the Resolve of this Court at its Session in June, 1728, and that Public Notifications be given by order of this Assembly, that they meet accordingly."

This report was accepted and adopted by the House and Council, and the grantees were notified to meet; but, 30 May, 1730, the order for the meeting was superseded by the Court, and the Representatives were desired to give public notice of the change with all convenient

Many of the grantees, failing to receive notice of the change, met at Cambridge, 3 June, 1730, where they learned that the order for meeting on that day had been countermanded, upon which they dissolved their meeting. Before doing this, they appointed Colonel Thomas Tilestone, Mr. Jonathan Williams, Mr. John Wadsworth, Mr. Nath'l Goodwin, and Mr. Thomas Hunt, to "Petition the General Court for a further Grant of land to ye Officers & Soldiers, that every Sixty Claimers may have a Township of Six Miles square."

28 October, 1730. The time for the meeting of the grantees was again changed, by order of the Court, and as the small-pox was removed from Boston they were required to meet at that place on the "second Wednesday of the next sitting of this Court after a recess."

A meeting of the grantees was accordingly held at Boston, 23 December, 1730, at which it was "voted that Colonel William Dudley, Messrs. Samuel Chandler and John Longley, be a committee to wait upon the General Court to press the affair now in hand,"—a further grant of land.

In answer to the representations of this committee, the House and Council voted that the time for presenting claims to the Narraganset lands should be extended to the first Wednesday of April then next following, and that a further grant of land should be made, sufficient to give each one hundred and twenty persons, whose claims were admitted, a township six miles square. The same committee that examined the claims previously presented, were authorized to examine and report upon the additional claims that might be made. But this action of the House and Council seems not to have received the approval of the Governor.

At a meeting of the grantees, held 13 January, 1730-31, it was voted to appoint a committee to wait upon the next General Court, "to forward the affair now in Hand,"—the grant of more land,—and Colonel William Dudley, Messrs.

Samuel Chandler, John Longley, Jona. Williams, and Nath'l Goodwin, were appointed as the committee.

17 February, 1730–31, the House voted to extend the time for receiving claims until the first Wednesday of June following, and to allow each 120 persons, whose claims should be allowed, a township six miles square. The Council agreed to extend the time, as proposed by the House, but proposed to give the two townships,—already granted to the grantees,—without any restriction as to the manner and times of settlement in full for their claims.

To this the House would not consent, and adhered to their vote, in which the Council non-concurred, and there, for a time, the matter rested.

At a meeting of the grantees, held 24 February, 1730–31, Colonel William Dudley, Colonel Thomas Tilestone, Captain Edward White, Messrs. Nathaniel Goodwin, Samuel Chandler, Jonathan Williams, Edward Shove, Jonas Houghton, and Jabez Hunt, were appointed a committee, any five of whom should be a quorum for the transaction of business, whose duty it should be to carry on the affairs of the grantees before the General Court; and they were empowered to petition the Court in order to obtain a further grant of land; and, in case they were successful, they were authorized to send advertisements into other towns, notifying the grantees.

The meeting was then adjourned to the first Wednesday of the following September, at ten of ye clock, at which time they again met and appointed Colonel Thomas Tilestone, Messrs. Jonas Houghton, Nathaniel Goodwin, Samuel Chandler, Jacob Wright, and Samuel Kneeland, a committee to regulate and settle the two townships granted to the soldiers whose names are on the list allowed by the Court.

It was voted that the committee be authorized to petition the General Court—if there be occasion—for more land; and they were also authorized—if occasion required—to

send out printed advertisements into the neighboring towns to raise a proprietors' meeting.

In the meantime, 4 June, 1731, the House passed substantially the same vote as that passed in February previous, but their action was not concurred in by the Council.

The committee appointed by the grantees at their meeting in September, prepared a petition for a further grant of land, which was laid before the House of Representatives at its December session, in 1731, by Mr. Samuel Chandler, and Mr. Samuel Kneeland, their clerk, was directed to wait upon a committee of the House, which had been appointed to draw up some reasons to influence the Council to concur with the House in an additional grant of land to the Narraganset soldiers, and "press the affair with the said committee."

Finally, the House sent the following message to the Council, which sets forth the condition of the country at the time of the Narraganset War, the importance of the service rendered by the soldiers in that war, and the grounds on which the grants were proposed to be made:—

In the House of Representatives, 19 Jan., 1731–32.

"*Ordered*, that ye following message be sent up to the Hon'ble Board, viz.: *Whereas* there have been several endeavours to accommodate the Narrhagansett Soldiers & their Descendants with a Suitable Quantity of Land for the Settlement as an Acknowledgement & Reward for their great Service to this Country, which have failed hitherto of the desired Success. This House have thought it might tend to promote a good understanding & Harmony in this Court to lay before the Hon'ble Board wherefore it is that the Represent'ves have come into the Grant of a Tract of six miles square to each number of one hundred and twenty persons, which they have made this Session, in answer to the Petition of Thomas Tilestone & others, a Comm'tee in behalf of themselves and the rest of the Soldiers & their Descendants, who were in the Narraganset War. And one great Reason is, that there was a Proclamation made to the Army in the name of the Govern'm't,—as living evidences very fully testify,—when they were mustered on Dedham Plain, where they began their March, that if they played the Man, took the Fort, and Drove the Enemy out of the

Narraganset Country, which was their great Seat, that they should have a gratuity in Land beside their Wages; and it is well known that this was done; and, as the Conditions have been performed, certainly the Promise, in all Equity and Justice, ought to be fulfilled; and if we consider the Difficulties these brave men went thro' in Storming the Fort in the Depth of Winter & the pinching wants they afterward underwent in pursuing the Indians that escaped, thro' a hideous wilderness, famously known throughout New England to this day by the name of the hungry March; and if we further consider that until this brave tho' small army thus played the Man, the whole Country was filled with Distress & fear & we trembled in this Capital, Boston, itself, and that to the Goodness of God to this Army we owe our Fathers and our own Safety & Estates. We cannot but think yt those Instrum'ts of our Deliverance & Safety ought to be not only justly but also gratefully & generously rewarded & even with much more than they prayed for. If we measure w't they receive from us by w't we enjoy & have received from them, we need not mention to ye Hon'ble Board the Wisdom, Justice, & Generosity of Our Mother Country & ye Ancient Romans on such occasions. Triumphs, Orations, Hereditary Honors & privileges: All the Riches, Lands, & Spoils of War & conquer'd Countries have not been thought too great for those to whom they have not owed more, if so much as We do to those our Deliverers, & we ought further to observe, what greatly adds to their merit, that they were not vagabonds & Beggars & Outcasts, of wh'ch Armies are sometimes considerably made up, who run the Hazards of War to avoid the Danger of Starving: so far from this, that these were some of ye best of Our Men, the Fathers & Sons of some of ye greatest & best of Our families, and could have no other view but to serve ye Country, & whom God was pleased accordingly in a very remarkable manner to Honor & Succeed. Of these things the Hon'ble the General Court of the Late Colony of the Massachusetts in those days was not insensible & accordingly gave to ye Soldiers, being upward of Five Hundred, ab't Two thirds of the Army that went from ye Massachusetts & the late Colony of Plimouth, a tract of ab't forty thousand acres in the Nipmug Country, this, or the value of it, these Soldiers would be contented with, & take in their Brethren of Plimouth too, tho' that sh'd take away two thirds of w't was granted them, and would after that have more in value than w't they now ask for them all, for every one must own that 40,000 acres in the Heart of the Country, as the Nipmug Country is, is of more value than five times that quantity in the Borders, & in Danger if there should be a French war, as is & would be the case with all the unappropriated Lands of the Province wh'ch they now ask for.

*It is hoped that the neglect of these petition'rs so long, or the provinces having disposed of the Nipmug Country to others, & so defeated their ancient Grants, will not be thought to wear out any more than it rewards their merit. The Grant seems to be made in acknowledgem't both of yr promise & of yr fulfilling ye condition, & being well entitled to it, & there is great Reason to fear that public Guilt w'd ly upon the Country if we should neglect & continue in the Breach of this Promise, after it has been made & omitted for above fifty years.*

As to the late Grant of two Townships to Seven or Eight hundred of these Soldiers, It is so far below the value of the Land they conquered, & the Price the province had for it when it was sold, & the money divided to the Colonies that carried on the War, It is such a Pittance of wh't they obtained for us, so exceedingly beneath w't the Province has defeated them of, which was granted to about Two thirds of them in the Nipmug Country, that it is rather mocking and deriding them to offer it. Beyond w't has been offered, it sh'd be Considered that to grant the present petition & give such a quantity of Land as may be worth Settling, & upon Conditions of bringing forward Townships, is much more agreeable to Charter & for the public Good than to Give away Tracts of Land & suffer & even tempt men to let them ly waste & unimproved, for in the way that has been proposed & in which some Progress has been made, the Lands will be divided into such scraps that they will not be worth receiving.

In Council; Read.

19 Jan., 1731-32. The House ordered that a further grant of land be made to the Narraganset soldiers, so that every one hundred and twenty persons, whose claims had been allowed by the Court, should have a township of the contents of six miles square under the same restrictions and limitations as those previously granted.

In this order the Council concurred.

Efforts were made to induce the Governor to sanction this order, but they seem to have failed, as we find that, 13 May, 1731, the committee of the proprietors:—

“Voted that Messrs. Nath'l Goodwin and Jona. Williams git a Petition writ to put into the General Court at their session in May next for a further Grant of land to the Narraganset Soldiers, the



Grant made by both Houses at the last session not having been sined by His Excellency the Governor."

1 June, 1732, they "Voted that Mr. Nath'l Goodwin pay for writting the Petition, and that Mr. Samuel Chandler forward the Petition as fast as Posable in the House of Representatives."

8 June, 1732, they "Voted that Messrs. Nath'l Goodwin & Jonathan Williams pay the Secra'y for putting the Petition into the Councle;" also "Voted that as many of the Committee as have an Oportunity to forward the Petition with the Hon'ble the members of the General Court, use their Intrist with them that the Prayer thereof be granted."

8 June, 1732. The House of Representatives voted that a further grant of land be made to the Narraganset soldiers, so that every one hundred and twenty persons, whose claims had been or should be allowed within four months from that date by the committee appointed by the House and Council, should receive a tract of land six miles square, subject to the same limitations and conditions as the townships already granted, and appointed the same committee that had previously served, to lay out the additional townships.

The Council concurred in the action of the House, 9 June, 1732.

30 June, 1732. The claims of eight hundred and forty persons having been allowed by the committee of the House and Council, a grant of five additional townships was made to the Narraganset soldiers by the House of Representatives, and the grantees were ordered "to meet together in as short a time as they could conveniently, not exceeding the space of two months, and proceed to the choice of committees, respectively, to regulate each propriety or township which is to be held and enjoyed by one hundred and twenty of the grantees, each in equal proportion, each being subject to similar conditions and limitations with the grants previously made."

In this action the Council concurred, 4 July, 1732.

For some reason, not now known, Gov. Belcher declined to sign the grant, and the committee of the grantees labored

with the zeal and persistency of a "third house" of modern times to bring him to terms.

6 July, 1732, they "Voted that Sam'l Chandler & Sam'l Kneeland go to Mr. Sam'l Welles to know wheather he has bin with the Governor and used his Intrist with him to Sine the Grant made to the Narraganset soldiers, and if he has not bin, to Desier him to go forthwith;" also, "Voted that Sam'l Chandler, Jonathan Williams, and Samuel Kneeland, wait upon the Sec'y for to know wheather he has laid the Grant before his Excellency the Governor for him to sine."

The committee continued to meet at Mr. Luke Verdy's through the summer, autumn, and winter, following, doing but little business until 26 April, 1733, when Gov. Belcher gave his approval to the new grant.

## CHAPTER III.

1733.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE PROPRIETORS OF THE  
NARRAGANSET TOWNSHIPS.

ARRANGEMENTS MADE FOR A DIVISION OF THE PROPRIETORS INTO SEVEN SOCIETIES OF 120 EACH.—A GENERAL MEETING CALLED.—THE MEETING ON “YE COMMON OF YE TOWN OF BOSTON.”—DIVISION OF THE PROPRIETORS INTO SEVEN SOCIETIES, WITH THE TOWNS REPRESENTED IN EACH SOCIETY AND THE NAMES OF THE COMMITTEES TO ACT FOR THE RESPECTIVE SOCIETIES.—SUNDRY VOTES OF THE GRANTEES.—MEETING OF THE COMMITTEES OF THE SEVERAL SOCIETIES 17 OCTOBER, 1733, AND ASSIGNMENT OF THE TOWN “BACK SACK & SCARBORO’.”—VOTE IN RELATION TO A GRANT TO GABRIEL BELCHER IN TOWNSHIP NO. 2, NOW WESTMINSTER, MASS.—ASSIGNMENT OF THE SIX REMAINING TOWNSHIPS BY LOT AND PRESENT NAMES OF THE NARRAGANSET TOWNSHIPS.

The committee of the grantees met 26 April, 1733, and

“Voted, that Sam’l Kneeland make Seven Divisions of the Narraganset Grantees, each Division to contain one hundred and twenty of the said Grantees, and to place the said one hundred and twenty of each Division as near as he can together.”

“Voted, that he git all the Votes and Orders of the General Court relating to ye Seven Townships granted to the Narraganset Soldiers for Direction to this Committee’s calling a Proprietors’ meeting.”

Nathaniel Goodwin, Jonathan Williams, and Sam’l Williams, were appointed to draw up an advertisement for a proprietors’ meeting, and lay the same before the committee at their next meeting.

At a meeting, held 5 May, 1733, the advertisement was presented, and approved by the committee; and Samuel Kneeland was directed to get it printed, and send copies to the several towns where the grantees lived. He was also directed to write a list of the grantees in each town, and send the same with the copies of the advertisement.

31 May, 1733, the committee

"Voted, that Samuel Kneeland wright a list for each Township, granted according to the Division now made by the Committee, in order to Divide the Grantees into seven societies at their approaching meeting, the said list to be laid before the Grantees for their Apribation."

6 June, 1733. "The committee mett at Mr. Luke Verdey's, according to their adjournment, and Delivered their Votes, the Account of their meetings, the lists, Papers, &c., by their Clark to the Grantees."

On the same day a general meeting of the grantees was held in Boston, at which Colonel Thomas Tylston was chosen moderator, and Sam'l Kneeland, clerk. A committee, consisting of Colonel Benjamin Prescott, John Richardson, Esqr., and Captain Joseph Ruggles, was appointed "to examine the late Committee's accounts, and all the former accounts." The meeting then adjourned until two o'clock in the afternoon, at which time the grantees again met on the "Common of ye Towne of Boston." It was then

"Voted, that the Grantees allowed by the General Court, amounting to the number of eight hundred and forty in the whole, be Divided into Seven Distinct Societies, each Society to consist of one Hundred and twenty of the s'd Grantees, which society shall be Intituled to One of ye Townships granted to the Narraganset Soldiers, &c.

That one of the S'd Societies shall consist mostly of the Proprietors belonging to the Towns of Ipswich, Newbury, Rowley, Haverhill, Salisbury, Almsbury, Methuen, Hamton, Greenland, Berwick."

"Voted, that Mr. PHILEMON DANE, of Ipswich, Mr. JOHN GAINS, of Ipswich, Con'll JOSEPH GEARISH, of Newbury, be a Committee for the said Society."

"Voted, That another of the s'd Societies shall consist mostly of those Proprietors belonging to the Towns of Salem, Lin, Marblehead,

Glocester, Andover, Topsfield, Beverly, Wenham, Boxford, Bradford, Scarborough, York, Falmouth, Chatham."

"Voted, that Mr. RICHARD MOOR, of Lin, Mr. JOHN TRASK, of Salem, and Mr. EBENEZER RAYMENT, be a Committee for the said Society."

"Voted, that Another of the said Societys shall Consist of the Proprietors belonging to the Towns of Cambridge, Charlestown, Watertown, Westtown, Sudbury, Newtown, Medford, Maulden, Redding."

"Voted, that Mr. JOHN CUTTING, of Watertown, Mr. JAMES LOWDEN, of Charlestown, and Capt. JOSEPH BOWMAN, be a Committee for the Said Society."

"Voted, that another of the s'd Societys shall consist mostly of those Proprietors belonging to the Towns of Concord, Groton, Marlboro', Chelmsford, Billerica, Lancaster, Lexington, Framingham, Stow, Littleton, Sherburn, Stonham, Southboro', Woburn."

"Voted, that Mr. SAMUEL CHANDLER, of Concord, Mr. JACOB WRIGHT, of Woburn, and Con'll BENJAMIN PRESCOTT, Esqr., of Groton, be a Committee for the Said Society."

"Voted, that another of the s'd Societys shall consist mostly of those Proprietors belonging to the Towns of Northampton, Hadley, Suffield, Endfield, Deerfield, Worcester, Woodstock, Oxford, Brookfield, Killingly, Lebanon, Mansfield, Norwich, Pomfrit, Windham, Bristol, Taunton, Swanzy, Rehoboth, Little Compton, Dighton, Attleboro', Norton, Freetown, Barrington, Bridgewater, Middleboro', Plimpton, Kingston, Rochester, Pembroke, Marshfield, Ashford, Colchester, Hadham, Hebron, Bellingham, Horseneck, North Kingston, and Walpole."

"Voted, that Mr. EDWARD SHOVE, Mr. JOSIAH KEETH, and Con'll JOHN CHANDLER, be a Committee for the said Society."

"Voted, that Another of the said Societys shall consist mostly of those Proprietors belonging to the Towns of Boston, Roxbury, Dorchester, Milton, Brantree, Waymouth, Hingham, Dedham, Stoughton, Brookline, Neadham, Hull, Medfield, Scituate, Newport, New London, Providence."

"Voted, that Con'll THOMAS TOYLSTON, Mr. JONATHAN WILLIAMS, and Capt. JOSEPH RUGGLES, be a Committee for the s'd Society."

"Voted, that another of the Societys shall consist mostly of those Proprietors belonging to the Towns of Barnstable, Yarmoth, Eastham, Sandwich, Plimoth, Tisbury, Abington, Duxbury, and one of Scituate."

"Voted, that Con'll SHUBAEL GOARHAM, Mr. TIMOTHY WHITE, and Mr. ROBERT STANDFORD, be a Committee for the Said Society."

"Voted that each of the Several Committees for the Respective Societies, now chosen, be Directed and Impowered to take a List of the Society for which they are Appointed, and to Joyn with the Other Committees in Assigning the Towns to each Society, &c., and also to assemble the Grantees of their Respective Societys to Chuse a Clark and Committees, from time to time, to manage and transact any affairs that may be thought needfull, and make such Rules and Orders as may be Proper and for the benefit of the Society and bringing forward the settlement of the Township that shall be assigned them, as aforesaid."

"Voted, that any two of the committee for each society be Impowered to act, or transact any affair, for the good of the Society they are chosen for."

"Voted, that all past and the present charges of this meeting be paid by the wholl Society."

7 June, 1733. The grantees met at Mr. Luke Verdey's, in Boston.

The report of the committee, appointed yesterday to examine the late committee's accounts, and all former accounts, was accepted, and the amount of claims reported being one hundred and thirty-nine pounds, eleven shillings and eight pence, was ordered to be paid to the several persons to whom it was due.

"Voted, that Deacon Jonathan Williams, of Boston, be Treasurer of the wholl Narraganset Society or grantees, and it is further Ordered and Voted that the Sevieral Societys pay their Proportionable Part of the One Hundred and Thirty nine Pounds, eleven Shillings and eight Pence (Due from the wholl Society) to Deacon Jona. Williams, of Boston, Treasurer, and by him to be Repaid to the late committee, to whom it is Due to Discharge the Said Debt."

"Voted, that Sam'll Kneeland be the Clark of the wholl Narraganset Society or grantees, and that he is Impowered by said Grantees to keep all the Records, Papers, Resolves, and Votes of, or belonging to, the s'd Grantees, and that he give coppeys to any of the grantees or Others, Attested under his hand, he being under an Oth for a faithful Discharge of his trust."

"Voted, that the charge of this meeting being Seven Pounds, ten Shillings and Six Pence, be Paid by the Sevieral Societys to the Treasurer, in the same method that the Other Debts are to be paid in."

7 September, 1733. "By A desier from the Committee of Boston, &c., Society of the Narraganset Grantees, the severial Persons after named met at Boston, at the house of Mr. Luke Verdey, on said Day, Vizt:

Con'll Thomas Toylston, Deac'n Jonathan Williams, and Capt. Joseph Ruggles, Comitee for Boston, &c.; Mr. James Lowden, Capt. Joseph Bowman, Mr. John Cutting, Comitee for Charlestown, &c.; Mr. Sam'l Chandler, Mr. Jacob Wright, Committee for Concord, &c.; Capt. Richard Moor, Mr. John Traske, Committee for Salem, &c.; Mr. Edward Shove, Mr. Josiah Keith, Committee for Northampton, &c.; and have agreed to meet at Boston, at this house, upon Oct'b'r 17th next, at nine of the clock in the Morning: also, Ordered that the Clark notifie the Gentlemen of the Severial Committees that are not here at this time, especially the Newbury, &c., Committee, and Barnstable, &c., Committee, to meet with them upon the S'd Day, in Order to Assign the Towns to the Severial Societys."

17 October, 1733. The committees of the several societies met at the house of Mr. Luke Verdey at nine o'clock in the morning, and after discussing the matter of assigning the townships granted them, without coming to any conclusion, adjourned until half past two o'clock this afternoon, at which time they met,

"And resumed their Debates. They agreed that A Towne back of Saco and Scarbro' be Called No. 1, and that the s'd Town be Assigned to Mr. Philemon Dane and Company, a committee for Ipswich Society, &c.; and then voted that the Committees for the other Six Societys come into a lot for the six remaining Towns, being No. 2, No. 3, No. 4, No. 5, No. 6, No. 7; but before the drawing of the lot a proposial was maid that the Society that should hapen to Draw the Town called No. 2, at Watchusett, should lay out and assign to his Excelency Jonathan Belcher, Esqr., five Hundred acres of land in s'd Towne for his Honored Father's wright, which Proposial was agreed upon and Consented to by all the Committees Present at Said Meeting, and Voted and Ordered Accordingly: then Voted, that one of each Committee draw the lot for each Society, and that Capt. John Chandler Draw for Barnstable Society."

"Voted, that the Six Towns be assigned as by lot they were Drawn, Vizt:

To Mr. James Lowden and Company, No. 2, at Watchusett;

To Mr. Richard Moore and Company, No. 3, Souhegan West;

To Mr. Edward Shove and Company, No. 4, at Amaskeage;  
To Col'n'll Thomas Tilston and Company, No. 5, Souhegan East;  
To Mr. Sam'l Chandler and Company, No. 6, west of penny cook  
and Suncook.  
To Con'll Gorham and Company, No. 7, to lay out."

Of the townships thus assigned, No. 1 is now known as Buxton, Maine; No. 2, as Westminster, Mass; No. 3 comprised parts of the present towns of Amherst, Merrimack, Milford, and Mont Vernon, New Hampshire; No. 4 included the present town of Goffstown, and a part of the city of Manchester; but as the grantees reported that "they found the land so poor and barren as to be altogether incapable of making a settlement!" it was abandoned, and another township, at a place called Quabbin, now Greenwich, Mass., was assigned them in its stead; No. 5 comprised the present town of Bedford, and parts of the town of Merrimack, and the city of Manchester; No. 6 is now Templeton, Mass.; and the township laid out for No. 7 is now Gorham, Maine.



## CHAPTER IV.

1734-1762.

## SOUHEGAN WEST.

FIRST MEETING OF THE PROPRIETORS.—ORGANIZATION.—A VIEWING COMMITTEE APPOINTED.—A DIVISION OF THE TOWNSHIP INTO LOTS ORDERED, AND MADE.—ENCOURAGEMENT OFFERED TO SETTLERS.—PROVISION MADE FOR BUILDING “A HOUSE OF ENTERTAINMENT,” AND FOR A FERRY-BOAT TO CROSS THE SOUHEGAN.—A COMMITTEE APPOINTED TO CONFER WITH A COMMITTEE OF THE PROPRIETORS OF NO. 5 IN REGARD TO A BRIDGE ACROSS THE SOUHEGAN.—REGULATIONS ADOPTED CONCERNING THE LOTS DRAWN.—NUMBERS OF THE LOTS DRAWN IN THE FIRST DIVISION.—NAMES OF THE DRAWERS, AND THE TOWNS TO WHICH THEY BELONGED.—A COMMITTEE APPOINTED TO LAY OUT A PLACE FOR A MEETING HOUSE, TRAINING FIELD, BURYING-PLACE, A LOT FOR THE MINISTRY, SCHOOL AND MINISTERIAL LOTS, AND THEIR REPORT.—FIRST SETTLEMENT OF THE TOWNSHIP.—HARDSHIPS OF SETTLERS IN NEW TOWNSHIPS.—BRIDGE BUILT ACROSS THE SOUHEGAN.—BUILDING OF A SAW-MILL PROVIDED FOR.—A SECOND DIVISION OF LOTS VOTED, AND VOTES IN RELATION THERETO.—SOUHEGAN WEST BECOMES A PART OF NEW HAMPSHIRE.—PROVISION MADE FOR BUILDING A GRIST-MILL AT THE FALLS OF THE SOUHEGAN.—A COMMITTEE APPOINTED TO CONFER WITH THE GOVERNOR AND COUNCIL OF NEW HAMPSHIRE.—HIGHWAYS LAID OUT, AND SURVEYORS APPOINTED.—EFFORTS MADE TO BRING IN SETTLERS.—A THIRD DIVISION OF LOTS VOTED.—ROADS LAID OUT.—OLD, MIDDLE, AND NEW TENOR BILLS.—LAWFUL AND STERLING MONEY.

—OLD AND NEW STYLE.—PETITION FOR INCORPORATION AS A TOWN, WITH SIGNERS' NAMES, 1753.—PRICES OF SUN-DRIES, 1759.—CHARTER OF THE TOWN OF AMHERST, 1760.—GENERAL AMHERST.—NAMES OF TAX-PAYERS ON THE FIRST TAX-LIST.—CHARTER, AS REVIVED 7 JANUARY, 1762.

The first meeting of the proprietors of Souhegan West was held at Salem, 17 July, 1734. At this meeting Capt. Benj. Potter, Capt. Richard Mower, and Mr. Daniel Kenney, were appointed a committee "to take a Perticular view of ye scircumstances of s'd Township, and make Report to ye Society or Grantees at their adjournment on the second tuesday in September next."

They were authorized to employ a surveyor, and such pilots as might be necessary, at the expense of the proprietors.

Capt. Richard Mower, Messrs. Cornelius Tarble, Ebenezer Rayment, Jeremiah Gatchel, and Daniel Kenney, were appointed a committee to sub-divide the township. Capt. Benjamin Potter, Mr. John Bixbe, and Ensign Thomas Tarbox, were added to this committee at a subsequent meeting.

Another meeting of the proprietors was held at Salem, 13 August, 1734, at which William Collins was elected proprietors' clerk; Capt. Richard Mower, Messrs. John Trask, Ebenezer Rayment, Stephen Peabody, and Jeremiah Gatchel, prudential committee; and Capt. Benjamin Potter, treasurer.

The prudential committee was directed to rectify all mistakes in the names of the proprietors, as given in the list, and to lay the same before the General Court, if they thought proper.

10 September, 1734, the proprietors met to hear the report of their *viewing* committee, but the committee had been disappointed by the surveyor they had engaged, and were not prepared to make a full report. They reported

verbally that "they had been on the land and found it well timbered."

After some discussion it was voted, "that the township be sub-divided this fall, as soon as may be."

The committee was directed to lay out sixty acres to each proprietor, for his or her first or home lot, what was wanting in quality to be made up in quantity. It was also voted that should any large quantities of meadow be found, it should be left to the consideration of the committee whether to include the same in the lots, or reserve it for the benefit of the whole society.

Collectors were appointed in each town to collect the assessments ordered to defray the expenses of the Society.

At a meeting, held 8 January, 1734-35, the proprietors

"Voted, that the first sixty proprietors that shall and Doe each of them build and finish a Dwelling house of eighteen feet square and seven feet studd, and clear two acres of Land fitt for mowing or plowing, and actually live on the spot, and perform the same within three years from the date hereof, they and each of them shall be Intitled to draw out of ye said proprietors' Treasury the sum of six pounds."

A committee was chosen to hear all persons that had any disputable claims to any rights in the township, and make report of their opinion to the Society as soon as might be.

"Voted, that Capt. Richard Mower have Liberty to draw ye Lott No. 21, he Building a convenient House of Entertainment, and fence in a pasture of six or eight acres of land, and provide a sufficient ferry Boat to transport any of the Proprietors over Souhegan River, and performe the same within eighteen months from the Date hereof."

An auditing committee was appointed, and it was voted that "the Lotts Nos. 87, 88, and 89, should lye by for the present, to make good for the three lots—viz., one for the first settled minister, one for the ministry, and one for the school."

A committee was appointed to confer with the committee of the proprietors of Souhegan East, No. 5, about building a bridge over Souhegan river, and report at the next

meeting of the proprietors. (Souhegan East, No. 5, afterward Bedford, as at first granted, extended to Souhegan river.)

Complaint having been made by some that many of the lots laid out by the committee "were not so good as others, for want of quality," and therefore not fit to settle on, by means whereof much damage might accrue to some of ye proprietors, it was

"Voted, that each Proprietor shall have the liberty, if he see cause, to exchange his Lott or Lotts by Quitting his Right to such Lott as he shall draw, to all the Proprietors, & by taking other Lott or Lotts in the Room of s'd Lotts in any of the Lands within the Township. Provided they are not more in Number than the Lotts he or they shall Quitt to the Proprietors, and Provided, also, that they or he shall lay out no more than sixty acres to each Lott, & half a mile in length and sixty rods in bredth, as the other Lotts are now laid out. Furthermore, Provided, that ye Lotts so exchanged shall be laid out at ye owner's cost, within one year from the Date hereof, & said Lotts to be sufficiently butted & bounded, and a Returne therof made to the Clerk of ye s'd Society, & hee to make an entry in the proprie'rs' book, to whom and by whom thay ware Laid out, with the Buts & Bounds."

The lots laid out by the committee appear to have been drawn by the proprietors at this meeting, as we find it was

"Voted, that the Clerk Record all the Lotts that have been Drawn in the Society's Book of Records to the several persons that have been allowed to draw the same, with their names."

It was also

"Voted, that the Clerk take care of those Lotts that are not drawn, & that the several persons to whom they belong have liberty to Repair to s'd Clerk and draw their Respective Lotts, they paying the Rates or Dues set on s'd Lotts.

In the following list, the names of the proprietors, the towns to which they belonged, and the number of the lot drawn by each, are given. A \* placed before a lot signifies that it was afterward exchanged for another. Names in

SMALL CAPITALS are those of the surviving soldiers and officers who were in the fight at the Narraganset fort, December, 1675.

#### ANDOVER.

- \*104. John Ballard, for his father, John Ballard.
- 87. William Ballard, for his father, Nath'l Ballard.
- \*103. EBENEZER BARKER.
- 108. JAMES FRY.
- 38. JOHN PARKER.
- \*106. Rev. Andrew Peters, for his father, Andrew Peters.
- \*30. SAMUEL PHELPS.
- 56. JOHN PRESSON.
- 44. Ebenezer Tyler, for his father, Samuel Tyler.

#### BEVERLY.

- \*59. HENRY BAYLEY.
- \*79. Henry Blackfield, and his assigns.
- 12. JONATHAN BYELS.
- 71. LOTT CONNANT.
- 24. Andrew Dodge, for John Elinwood.
- 48. Jonathan Dodge, for John Dodge.
- \*60. William Dodge's heirs.
- 80. RALPH ELINWOOD.
- 106. Samuel Harris's heirs.
- 7. Joseph Morgan, for his father, Joseph Morgan.
- \*102. Joseph Picket, for his father, Elias Picket.
- 110. THOMAS RAYMENT.
- \*97. William Rayment's heirs.
- 51. CHRISTOPHER READ.

#### BOXFORD.

- 50. John Andrews, for his father, Robert Andrews.
- \*47. John Bixbe, for his father, Joseph Bixbe.
- 95. James Curtice, for Francis Jeffreys.
- 19. Stephen Peabody, for his father, Stephen Peabody.

## BRADFORD.

4. Ichabod Boynton, for his father, John Boynton.

## CHATHAM.

34. Robert Nicholson, for his father, William Nicholson.

## FALMOUTH.

42. PHILIP DEXTER.  
62. JOSEPH HATCH.

## GLOUCESTER.

72. JOHN DAY.  
67. EDWARD HARRINGTON.  
64. SAMUEL INGERSOLL.  
98. Jacob Row, for his father, Henry Row.  
76. Samuel Stevens, for Isaac Ellery.

## LYNN.

103. THOMAS BAKER.  
\*18. John Ballard, for his father, John Ballard.  
100. William Basset, for his grand-father, William Basset.  
72. Michael Bowden, for his father-in-law, John Davis.  
49. Timothy Breed, for his father, Timothy Breed.  
! 92. Ebenezer Burrill, for his brother, John Burrill.  
\*78. Ebenezer Burrill, Jr., for his grand-father, Joseph Mansfield.  
65. HENRY COLLINS.  
39. William Collins, for his brother, Joseph Collins.  
\*6. Ruth Driver, for her father, Robert Driver.  
29. SAMUEL EDMONS.  
91. Joseph Farr, for his father, Joseph Farr.  
\*17. Joseph Farr, for his father-in-law, John Lindsey.  
110. John Farrington, for his father, John Farrington.  
107. Samuel Graves, for his father, Samuel Graves.  
\*35. Joseph Haven, for his father, Joseph Haven.  
60. Jonathan Johnson, for his father.

- 32. Richard Johnson, for his father, Samuel Johnson.
- \*80. Edmond Lewis, for his father, John Lewis.
- 21. Richard Moor, for his father, John Moor.
- 8. JOHN NEWHALL.
- 111. Samuel Newhall, for his uncle, Samuel Farrow.
- \*31. Benjamin Potter, for his father, Robert Potter.
- 20. Benjamin Ramsdell, for his father, Aquilla Ramsdell.
- 36. Robert Rand, for his father.
- 73. Samuel Tarbox's heirs.
- 16. Andrew Townsend's heirs.

## MARBLEHEAD.

- 41. Jeremiah Gatchel, for his uncle, John Gatchel.
- \*28. WILLIAM HIND.
- 68. Joseph Majory, for his father, Joseph Majory.
- 52. Thomas Martin, for Doctor Knott.
- 26. Richard Shapley, for his father, David Shapley.
- 25. Joseph Sweat, for his brother, Stephen Sweat.
- 85. Jonathan Wolcot, for his father, John Wolcot.

## READING.

- 40. Thomas Bancroft, for his father, Nich's Lum.
- 22. John Bowtel, for his father, John Bowtel.

## SALEM.

- 109. JOHN ABBOT.
- 51. THOMAS BELL.
- 46. John Bullock, for his father, John Bullock.
- \*14. William Curtis, for his father, William Curtis.
- 86. John Elwell, for his father, John Elwell.
- \*94. John Flynt, for his father, Thomas Flynt.
- \*13. William Fuller, for his father, Thomas.
- 33. Habakkuk Gardner, for his uncle, Capt. Joseph Gardner.
- \*101. John Gloyd, for his father, John Gloyd.
- \*105. John Harradaway's heirs.

- 112. Edward Hollis's heirs.
- 96. JOSEPH HOLTON.
- 3. Joseph Hutchinson, for his father, Joseph Hutchinson.
- \*102. Thomas Keney's heirs.
- 77. JONATHAN LAMBERT.
- 66. Thomas Laskin, for his father, Timothy Laskin.
- 53. Samuel Manning, for his uncle, Nicholas Manning.
- 45. Ezekiel Marsh, for his father, Adam Gold.
- 81. Jonathan Marsh, for his father-in-law, John Ross.
- 11. Jeremiah Neal, for his father, Jeremiah Neal.
- 1. William Osburn, for his father, William Osburn.
- 69. Samuel Pickworth's heirs.
- 43. Joseph Prince, for his uncle, Richard Prince.
- 105. Thomas Putnam, for his father, Thomas Putnam.
- 63. John Rabson, for his brother, Thomas Rabson.
- 5. Nathaniel Soams, for his uncle, Joseph Soams.
- \*83. John Tarble's heirs.
- 15. John Trask, for his father, William Trask.
- \*109. Jonathan Verry, for his father, Samuel Verry.

## SCARBOROUGH.

- \*37. JOHN HARMON.

## TOPSFIELD.

- 108. Josiah Clark's heirs.
- 104. Thomas Davis's heirs.
- \*70. Abraham Fitts's heirs.
- 107. James Ford's heirs.
- 9. Joseph Herrick, for his father, Joseph Herrick.
- 55. John Hutchins's heirs.
- Samuel Kneeland, for John Brandon.
- 27. Samuel Kneeland, for Robert Brown.
- 99. Samuel Perkins's heirs.
- \*93. ZACCHEUS PERKINS.
- \*2. MOSES PINGREESE.



- 23. Elihu Wardwell's heirs.
- \*84. John Wild's heirs.
- 74. NATHANIEL WOOD.

## WENHAM.

- 58. Thomas Abbot, for his father, Thomas Abbot.
- \*101. John Batchelder, for his uncle, Joseph Batchelder.
- 111. Elizabeth Fowler, for her father, Richard Hutter.
- 54. William Rogers and Thomas Perkins, for Joseph Perkins.

## YORK.

- 10. Dennison Sargent, for his father, Andrew Sargent.

1 May, 1735. In regard to the exchange of lots provided for in a vote passed at the last meeting, the proprietors

"Voted, that it is to be understood that any Proprietor, by virtue of that vote exchanging his Lott, shall not leave a smaller vacancy than 60 poles between that and the next adjoining lot, excepting a four pole way, where it is necessary, and that no person so exchanging shall include in his Lott more than two acres of meadow; and that if any proprietor shall Lay out a Lott adjoining to ye River, s'd Lott shall not extend more than 60 poles upon s'd River."

At this meeting the following report of the committee appointed to sub-divide the township was received, accepted, and ordered to be placed on record.

"We, the Subscribers, being chosen & appointed to sub-divide and Lott out to each proprietor, for their home Lotts, sixty acres, having respect to the quality of s'd Lotts, & to equalize the same according to our best Judgement:

Pursuant whereunto, we have accordingly, by Surveyors and Chainmen Employed in that service, Laid Out one hundred and twenty Lotts, containing Sixty acres each, allowing two acres in every forth Lott for a by way, and also a range way, four pole wide, between each Range, as will more fully appear on the face of the Plan herewith to be presented. We have Indeaored to attend to our Directions in not laying out any Considerable quantity of Clear Medow in any one Lott, & as for Quallifying ye Lotts we thought it Impracticable,

especially considering the season of ye year being such as required Dispatch of ye Business, and we judge it will be more for the intrest of ye Society to equalize the same in some other way, which they may think proper at this meeting, or any other hereafter.

RICHARD MOWER,  
JER. GATCHELL,  
EBEN'R RAYMENT,  
DANIEL KENNEY,  
THOMAS TARBOX,  
CORNELIUS TARBELL,  
JOHN BIXBE,  
*Committee."*

Robert Hale, Esq., Capt. Stephen Peabody, and Lieut. Ebenezer Rayment, were appointed a committee

"To take a view of the township, and in the most commodious place therefor Lay out a place whereon to erect the Public Meeting House for the worship of GOD, & a convenient place for a Public Burying place, & An Other for a Training field, marking the same by Butts and Bounds & that they doe More Over Lay out three home Lotts of equal quantity and like form with ye Other Lotts Already laid Out,— One to be for the first settled Minister, One for the Ministry, & One for the School, and in their return to make Distinctions, the Lotts to be Butted and bounded as aforesaid, and make return thereof to ye Clerk, that so he may record the same."

They were also directed

"To take a view of Souhegan River, in Order to find out ye most convenient place to Build a Bridge over the same, & make report to ye Society at their next meeting."

The report of this committee was recorded by the clerk, 4 June, 1735, as follows :

"The Com'tee to lay out a place for a Meeting House, Training field, Burying place, & parsonage, Minister & School Lott, &c., Laid out for the Meeting house place, Burying place & Training field, A track of Land Joyning Easterly to ye head of ye Lotts No. 108, 109, & 110, lying Joyning southerly to Andrew Balche's Lott, Containing thirteen acres & 140 perch, lying North & South 74 perch, East & West 30 perch. Also a Lott for ye Ministry, containing Sixty acres, Bounded thus: Beginning att a Maple tree marked with P & T.,

thence North, by ye afores'd Lott 74 rods, to a white pine marked with T. P & S, thence west 124 rods to an Arsh marked with P & M, thence South 74 rods to a white pine marked, s'd Balche's Corner. Also a Minister's Lott of Sixty acres, Bounded Southerly on a Highway, Lying North & South 124 rods, east and west 78 rods, the South west corner making ye same Bounds of the North East of ye s'd Ministry Lott, ye Highway Lying Between them, the foure corners marked with M. Also a School Lott containing sixty acres, Bounding Westerly to ye Ministers, Southerly to ye Ministry & Meeting house place, Easterly to ye heads of ye Lotts 109 & 110, the corners marked with S.

[Signed] ROBERT HALE, p'r Order."

The first settlement in the township was probably made in the spring of 1735, by Samuel Lamson and Samuel Walton, from Reading, Mass. They settled at first about a mile south of the village, on the farm now owned by Mr. Bryant Melendy, where they built a log house. Both afterward removed to other parts of the town,—Lamson to the westerly part, now Mont Vernon, where some of his descendants now reside. About 1765 he removed to Billerica, Mass., where he died about 1779.

Walton removed to the easterly part of the town, near Babboosuck pond. Of his subsequent history but little is known. His name appears occasionally on the proprietors' records, and is attached to the petition to the Provincial authorities in 1747, asking for help against the Indians. He is said to have died here, but none of his descendants reside in town, and for the last eighty years the name is not found on the town records.

Lieut. Joseph Prince seems to have been the only one of the original proprietors who settled in the township. He was from Salem Village, now Danvers, and was a proprietor in the right of his uncle, Richard Prince. According to an old plan, still in existence, his land at one time extended from Bedford line westward to near where the village of Mont Vernon now stands. A family tradition says that he first located himself on the farm afterward owned by

Nathan and Peter Jones, in Mont Vernon, but removed thence to the place now owned by Solomon Prince, in the easterly part of Amherst. Other settlers followed, not long afterward, many of them from Salem, and the adjoining towns which once made a part of that ancient town, but the progress of the settlement was slow. In September, 1741, but fourteen families were settled in the township.

Efforts were made by the proprietors to induce settlers to locate in the township, and sums of money were voted for that purpose; but the distance from the seaport towns, and the hardships attending the lives of settlers in a new settlement, prevented a rapid growth of the place. The French and Indian Wars, which commenced a few years later, also operated unfavorably to its progress.

The lives of the first settlers in the New Hampshire townships must have been a constant struggle for existence. Locating themselves on their lots at places where a supply of water could readily be obtained, they erected huts of logs, or stones, to serve as a temporary shelter. Perhaps a brook, or pond, not far distant, afforded them an occasional meal, or a bear, or deer, came within reach of their trusty muskets.

A settler in one of the Narraganset townships wrote thus of his town in its infancy:

"A howling wilderness it was, where no man dwelt. The hideous yells of wolves, the shrieks of owls, the gobblings of turkeys, and the barking of foxes, was all the music we heard. All a dreary waste and exposed to a thousand difficulties."

Against the monarchs of the forest the settlers waged a war of extermination. In the hot, dry days of summer and autumn, the fire aided them in their work. After their numbers had increased, they joined their strength in piling the logs into huge piles, which were set on fire and consumed.

The manufacture of potash from the ashes was once quite a business among them.

Rye was sown in the autumn on the cleared land, among the stumps and rocks, or corn was planted in the spring, from which, with a little care, abundant crops were raised.

8 September, 1735. The proprietors appointed Capt. Mower, Lieut. Rayment, and Cornelius Tarble, a committee to build a bridge over Souhegan river; and they seem to have attended to the business at once, as we find that at a meeting held 13 October following, the proprietors ratified an agreement they had made with Mr. Tarble for building a good and convenient bridge over the river, for doing which he was to receive the sum of ninety-five pounds.

It was probably built in the autumn and winter of that year, as we find the proprietors, at a meeting held 12 April, 1736, desiring Capt. Mower "to wait on Dunstable Selectmen, to Request them to lay out a Highway from Nashaway river to Souhegan Bridge, in the most convenient place;" and at a meeting held 27 December, 1738, they "voted, that the sum of ten pounds be raised toward building a bridge over Nashua river, provided it be built in a convenient place for the proprietors of this township;" and the money was to be deposited in the treasury, to be paid when the work was satisfactorily performed.

The building of a saw-mill was now in order; and, 19 April, 1737, the proprietors

"Voted, that Capt. Ives, Capt. Majory, Capt. Hicks, and Mr. Edward Bond, for the encouragement of building a saw-mill in Souhegan West, No. 3, upon a brook called Beaver brook, where it may be most convenient, shall have paid them, out of the Treasury, forty pounds in money or Bills of credit. Provided, that the said mill be fitted to saw by the first of November next, and that shee shall be Kept in Good Repair, and to saw for the prop'rs to the halves, or Equi'lent to it, for the space of ten years from this date."

A tax of £120 was levied upon the proprietors, to pay the above grant and other charges, the same to be paid into the treasury by the first day of September following.

14 February, 1737-38. The proprietors voted to have a second division of the land as soon as might be, and appointed Capt. Joseph Parker, of Chelmsford, Ensign Thomas Tarbox, and Lieut. Cornelius Tarble, a committee to see it done.

"Voted, that after the Comitte have vew'd the land they are to lay out, if they think it will not allow of more than 60 acers, they are to make that the standard, and what land is meener to make it Equivalent to the best 60 akers; and that the Comitte have regard to the meadow, and lay it out as they goe along, including it in the 60 akers."

"Voted, that the above Comitte shall lay out convenient ways for the proprietors as may be needful."

11 July, 1738. The committee for dividing the town was enlarged by the addition of Mr. John Wiles and Capt. Ebenezer Rayment, and Mr. Joseph Richardson was appointed to serve in place of Capt. Joseph Parker.

Parties that had newly pitched their lots were required to have them surveyed by the same surveyor that the committee employed to make their surveys, and present a plan of the same, with their butts and bounds, to the committee, before the tenth of September next, at their own expense, they being notified by the committee.

This committee made their report, which was accepted and ordered to be recorded, 27 December, 1738; and the lots were probably drawn by the proprietors at that meeting, or at one held on the 10th of May following.

#### SETTLEMENT OF THE BOUNDARY BETWEEN MASSACHUSETTS AND NEW HAMPSHIRE.

Disputes having arisen between the authorities of Massachusetts and New Hampshire in regard to the boundary line between the Provinces, a commission, composed of residents in some of the adjacent Provinces, was appointed to adjust them.

The claims of the parties were heard and discussed, and a decision rendered, from which the government of Massachusetts and the House of Representatives of New Hampshire appealed to the King in council, by whom a decision was made, 5 March, 1740, establishing the boundaries between the Provinces, which have remained substantially unchanged until the present time.

By this decision, Souhegan West, and twenty-seven other townships, which had been granted by Massachusetts, with large quantities of ungranted land intermixed among them, became parts of New Hampshire. Parts of some of the old Massachusetts towns also fell under the jurisdiction of New Hampshire.

Most of this territory also came within the limits of the Masonian Grant, the western line of which, it was claimed, extended across the country in a curved line corresponding to the coast line, from a point on the eastern line of the State, sixty miles from the mouth of the Piscataqua, to a point on the south line, sixty miles from the mouth of the Merrimack.

The claim of the Masonian proprietors was finally conceded by the State authorities. By an act passed 28 June, 1787, a *straight* line, running from one of the points named to the other, was declared to be the western boundary of the Masonian claim; and all the unsold lands lying west of it and east of the curved line claimed by the Masonian proprietors, were sold to them for forty thousand dollars in securities, and eight hundred dollars in specie, all *bona fide* purchasers of land lying between the two lines previous to that time being quieted in their possession, so far as the State was concerned; and Thomas Bartlett, Dudley Odlin, and Archibald McMurphy, were authorized to make the transfer in behalf of the State. The line was run, in 1787, by Joseph Blanchard and Charles Clapham.

20 May, 1740. Solomon Wilkins had leave to take up sixty acres of land adjoining the falls in Souhegan river,

the land to lay square, on condition that he built a good grist-mill near the falls, kept it in repair, and at all times supplied the inhabitants of the township with meal for the lawful and customary toll, when they brought their corn to be ground. The grant was to be forfeited, in case he should fail to grind and supply the town with meal forthwith,—unless prevented by some extraordinary casualty,—or if he should wholly neglect to grind for the space of eight months; but, provided he gave an answer to the clerk by the 20th of June next following, accepting the conditions of the grant, and had the mill ready to grind by the twentieth day of May, 1741, in the meantime giving bonds for performance of the contract, the grant would hold good.

Wilkins seems not to have accepted the offer, as, 30 April, 1741, it was

“Voted, that the Proprietors will give to Mr. John Shepard One hundred and twenty acers of land, to begin at William Peabody’s line and Run down the River to the Bottom of the falls, and soe wide as to make the hundred and twenty acers on the conditions that the sixty acers was voted to Solliman Wilkins, as appeers by the records before; He building a good Grist mill and a good Saw mill on said Souhegan River against the aforesaid land, and to finish them by the last of November next, and Keep them in good repair for the use of said Proprietors, he giving a bond to our Tressurer to comply with the same forthwith, he having liberty to Cut such white Oke Timber for the mill as he wants and ha’ n’t of his own.”

Mr. Shepard was from Concord, Mass. He accepted the grant, built the mill, and became a useful and honored citizen of the town.

At the same meeting they voted that they would build a bridge over Souhegan river, and appointed Capt. Samuel Bancroft, Capt. Thomas Tarbox, and Joshua Hicks, a committee to say where it should be built, and get it done.

They also “voted, that they will give noe encouragement to a blacksmith to settle among them;” but they soon thought better of it, for 22 May, 1745, they “voted, that



they will give encouragement for a blacksmith to settle with them, and that Capt. Parker, Lieut. Prince, and Mr. Lamson, be desired to agree with a good smith to settle with them."

14 April, 1742. The township, having by the settlement of the boundary line between the Provinces, come under the jurisdiction of New Hampshire, the proprietors probably felt some anxiety that their titles—derived from a grant made by Massachusetts—should be recognized by the authorities of New Hampshire. Accordingly, Epes Sargent, Esq., Mr. Joshua Hicks, and Mr. Timothy Fuller, were constituted a committee to wait upon the Governor and Council of New Hampshire, and it was voted that the committee should be paid for their time and charges by the proprietors. To this last vote Capt. Ebenezer Rayment entered his dissent.

For some reason, the proprietors refused to pay the bill presented by the committee, 10 February, 1743–44; also, at the meeting held 30 January, 1744–45.

22 April, 1745, they voted that they would not allow so much to Col. Sargent and Mr. Hicks as the Canada proprietors did Col. Blaney and Capt. Epes for going to New Hampshire. Finally, 16 July, 1746, they voted that Col. Sargent's and Mr. Hicks's two accounts, amounting to £34, 9s, 3d, old tenor, be allowed, and paid them.

22 May, 1745. The proprietors took action in regard to laying out highways, and appointed Joseph Prince, Samuel Walton, and Capt. Parker, a committee for that purpose, and instructed them to lay out no ways except in places where the owners would give the land for the purpose.

They voted that the ways should be mended by a rate, and appointed William Bradford, Deacon Hobbs, and James Coffren, surveyors for the year (1745). These seem to have been the first surveyors of highways appointed in the township.

At a meeting held 16 July, 1746, the proprietors voted to dismiss an article in the warrant calling the meeting "To

see if they would build one half, or any part, of a bridge over the river at Shepard's mills, in case Benjamin Hopkins would build one half of the same."

May not the town of Milford have received its name from the fact that for some years the inhabitants of Monson, afterward a part of Amherst, *forded* the river to bring their grists to *mill*, from which arose the name Milford?

As the sixty families required by the grant had not settled in the township, the proprietors voted, at a meeting held 11 March, 1746-47,

"That they will chuse a comittee to git an obligation drawn & subscribed, that shall oblige at least sixty famalies, with them that are already there, to settle Immediately, or gitt sum to settle there for them, agreeable to the grant."

"Voted, for the Committee, Capt. Raiment, De'con Tarble, & Robert Andrew."

At a meeting held 3 November, 1747, the proprietors appointed Capt. Ebenezer Parker, Deacon Tarble, Capt. Joseph Richardson, Samuel Walton, and William Bradford, on a committee to lay out the undivided lands, and instructed them to have regard to the goodness of the land and meadows, and qualify the same; and they were desired and empowered to get such assistance as was needful, and get the work done as soon as might be. They were also to lay out needful roads. This committee presented their report at a meeting of the proprietors held 8 February, 1748-49, which was sworn to before Col. Sargent; and those of the proprietors present who had paid all dues and assessments on their shares, drew their third division lots.

An article in the warrant calling this meeting, "To see if they will build the half of a Bridge, at Capt. Shepard's mills, over the Souhegan river, when Monson people will build the other half," was dismissed.

## OLD, MIDDLE, AND NEW TENOR BILLS. LAWFUL, AND STERLING MONEY.

Bills of credit were issued, from time to time, by the authorities of the Province of Massachusetts for the payment of expenses incurred in the military expeditions undertaken by that Province. The first of these bills were issued to defray the expense of the expedition for the reduction of Canada, in 1690, and they went into circulation as a part of the currency of the Province. In 1749 between two and three million pounds were outstanding, the oldest being known as old tenor, those of a later date as middle, and new tenor, bills. All had depreciated in value, the old tenor bills to such an extent that sixty shillings in bills would purchase only six shillings and eight pence in silver. The middle and new tenor bills had not depreciated so much, but the value of all was perpetually changing and uncertain,—a plague to their inventors and the people who used them.

An account of the troubles of the royal governors in their efforts for the suppression of these bills is given in the following scrap, the authorship of which is attributed to Richard Waldron, for a long time one of the Councillors in New Hampshire :

“ *Shute* shot his bolt, but missed his aim ;  
Then took his flight, and left the game.  
*Burnett*, his skill superior, tried ;  
But failing, laid him down and died.  
Then, said the *King*, ‘ Let *Belcher* try  
To crush the cursed currency.  
If his art be used in vain,  
Delusive paper be their bane,  
And, for to make the case still worse,  
*Shirley’s* deceit augment the curse.’ ”

Finally, in 1749, a law was enacted, providing for the redemption of these bills in silver money at the rate of 6s., 8d. in coin, or bullion of sterling fineness, for 50s. of old,

and the same for 11s., 3d. in middle and new tenor bills. Spanish milled dollars, of full weight, were reckoned at 6s., and it was provided that, after 31 March, 1750, the bills should cease to pass as currency, and that all accounts should thereafter be kept in silver money, reckoning silver bullion, of sterling fineness, at 6s., 8d. per ounce, and Spanish milled dollars, of full weight, at 6s. each. This was the "Lawful money" of the fathers, 20s. of which equalled  $\$3.33\frac{1}{3}$ —making one pound. In sterling money, a dollar was reckoned 4s., 6d., and one pound equalled  $\$4.44\frac{2}{3}$ .

To facilitate the redemption of the bills of credit, a grant of £180,000 was made by the home government to the Province of Massachusetts Bay, and the amount sent over in Spanish milled dollars. The balance required for their redemption was raised by taxation in the Province.

24 May, 1749, voted to dismiss the following article in the warrant, "To see if they will choose a Committee to treat with the claimers of Mason's rights, or any others that lay claim to the said Souhegan, and see on what terms we may be quieted in our possession, and make report to the next meeting."

Capt. Shepard, William Peabody, and Samuel Walton, were chosen a committee to dispossess William Manning of a strip of land he had enclosed of Deacon Bowtle's.

23 May, 1750, voted, in regard to an article in the warrant, "To see whether they will chuse a committee to treat with Joseph Blanchard, Esq., as agent for the claimers of Mason's patents, inasmuch as he has advertised the said Souhegan to be granted away by him," that they will not choose a committee to agree with Col. Blanchard.

No settlement seems to have been made by the proprietors with the Masonian company.

#### 1751. OLD AND NEW STYLE.

The Julian calendar, introduced by Julius Cæsar 46 years B. C., continued in use in England and the English

Colonies until 1752. By this, the Old style of reckoning, one of every four years, without exception, was reckoned as a leap year, making the average length of the years 365 days and 6 hours, or about 11 minutes and 10 seconds more than the solar year. This difference between the length of the civil and the solar years had, in 1582, accumulated so that it amounted to about ten days,—the vernal equinox, which should fall upon the 21st day of March, in that year, falling upon the 11th. This variation in dates disturbed the regularity of the church festivals, and Pope Gregory XIII. after much study, ordered ten days to be stricken from the calendar, the fifth day of October, 1582, being reckoned as the fifteenth ; and to prevent a recurrence of the difficulty it was ordered that the closing year of a century should be reckoned as a leap year, only when it could be divided by 400 without a remainder. This, the Gregorian calendar, or New style, was adopted shortly after in most Catholic countries.

In England, owing to the hatred existing against the Catholics, its adoption was postponed. Finally, in 1751, another day having been added in 1700, which was reckoned a leap year, an act was passed by the Parliament which directed that eleven days should be stricken from the calendar in the month of September, 1752, the day following the second day of that month being reckoned as the fourteenth, so that the year 1752, though it was a leap year, contained but 355 days. The provision for avoiding a recurrence of the trouble was also adopted. The civil or ecclesiastical year, before that time, began on the twenty-fifth day of March,—March being reckoned as the first month of the year, although by common usage the year was said to commence on the first day of January, as at present. Hence the double dating, in old records, of events that transpired prior to the 25th of March, in years previous to 1752, both the common and civil years being given. This distinction was abolished in 1751.

At present, the Julian calendar, or old style, is used only in Russia, and 1800 having there been reckoned as a leap year, the difference between their dates and ours now amounts to twelve days.

26 September, 1753, the proprietors voted that their committee

"May: 1, lay out a Road from Salem Canady to Capt. Shepard's bridge; 2, a Road from Hezekiah Lovejoy's to the meeting house; 3, a Road from Josiah Sawyer's to the meeting house; 4, a Road from Thomas Clark's to the meeting house; 5, a Road from the meeting house to Capt. Shepard's mill; 6, a Road from Small's to the meeting house, with a road from William Peabody's into said Road, all to be dun as the Committee think fitt."

"Voated, that there shall be a Road laid out, four rods wide, from Ebenezer Lyon's house to his Bridge, so called."

"Voated, that they will build a Bridge over Souhegan River, where Lyon's Bridge was, and appointed Mr. Lyon, Mr. Towne, and Mr. Read, the Committee to build it."

"Voted, to allow Capt. Shepard and others eighty pounds, old tenor, toward building the bridge called Shepard's bridge."

In 1753 the following petition for incorporation as a town was presented to the Governor and Council by the citizens of Souhegan West.

"To His Exelency the Governor and to the Honorable the Council of the Province of New Hampshire:

This humbly sheweth that we, the subscribers, Inhabitants of a New Plantation or Township called Souhegan West, or Narraganset, No. 3, being Invironed with many irremidible difficulties under our present situation, as the Barer will inform, earnestly pray that his Exelency with your Hon'rs would Incorporate us, that we might enjoy the valuable Liberties and priveledges of a Town, and would Beg that the Charter of the Town may Bound us Westerly on the Township called Salem Canada, Northerly on New Boston, so called, Easterly on Bedford and part of Merrimack, Southerly on Souhegan River, so called. All which is humbly submitted to your Excellencies and Honours' wise Council, as we in Duty Bound shall ever pray.

Dated at Souhegan West, January ye 26th, 1753.

Signed by

EPHRAIM ABBOTT,  
JOSHUA ABBOT,

JOSIAH ABBOT,  
ANDREW BIXBE,

JOSEPH BOUTELL,	HUGH ROSS,
WILLIAM BRADFORD,	JOSIAH SAWYER,
BENJAMIN CHEEVER,	ANDREW SEETOWN,
JOSEPH CLARK,	JOHN SMITH,
EBENEZER ELLINWOOD,	JOSEPH STEEL,
EBENEZER ELLINWOOD, JR.,	SAMUEL STEWART,
JOSEPH ELLINWOOD,	WILLIAM STEWART,
JOHN EVERDON,	CALEB STILES,
SOLOMON HUTCHINSON,	ROBERT STUARD,
SAMUEL LAMSON,	BENJAMIN TAYLOR,
SAMUEL LAMSON, JR.,	ISRAEL TOWNE,
BENJAMIN LOVEJOY,	BENJAMIN WILKINS,
EBENEZER LYON,	DANIEL WILKINS,
ROBERT READ,	DANIEL WILKINS, JR.

No action seems to have been taken upon this petition.

Prices of sundries in 1759: from an old bill found among papers left by Rev. Mr. Wilkins;

17 Feb., $\frac{1}{4}$ lb. tea.	16 s.
6 Sept., 1 lb. chocolate.	4 s.
22 Nov., $\frac{1}{4}$ lb. tea,	30 s.
25 Dec., 1 Gallon rum.	34 s.

A Spanish milled dollar was reckoned at forty-five shillings, in the currency of those days. Tea seems to have been used to a considerable extent at this time. Tradition says that the first seen in town was sent by a friend, in Boston, as a present to the minister, whose good wife, being ignorant of the proper method of preparing it for use, boiled it in an iron kettle or pot until she thought it was done, when the mess was dipped out and the liquor "sipped of," with no very satisfactory results. She doubtless soon found a more excellent way of preparing it.

Its use was deemed almost a crime during the Revolutionary War, and the leaves of various other plants were used as substitutes.

## INCORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF AMHERST.

In answer to a petition of the inhabitants of Souhegan West, praying that they might be incorporated as a town, Gov. Wentworth, with the advice and consent of the Council, granted the following charter :

## "PROVINCE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE.

George the Second, by the Grace of God, of Great Britain, France, and Ireland, King, Defender of the Faith,

To all to whom these Presents shall come,

Greeting :

Whereas, our Loyal Subjects, Inhabitants of a Tract of Land within our Province of New Hampshire, known by the name of Souhegan West, on the western side of Merrimack, have humbly petitioned and requested us that they may be erected and Incorporated into a Township and Infranchised with the same powers and privileges which other Towns within our said Province by law have and enjoy. And it appearing to us to be conducive to the general good of our said Province, as well as of the said Inhabitants in particular, by maintaining good order and encouraging the culture of the land, that the same should be done. Know Ye, therefore, that we, of our special Grace, certain knowledge, and for the encouragement and promoting the good ends aforesaid, By and with the advice of our trusty and well beloved Benning Wentworth, Esq., our Governor and Commander-in-chief, and of our Council for said province of New Hampshire, Have erected, and ordained, and by these Presents for us, our heirs and successors. Do Will and ordain that the Inhabitants of the Tract of land aforesaid, and who shall inhabit and improve thereon hereafter, the same being Butted and Bounded as follows: viz., Beginning at Souhegan River, thence running north 1° west on the townships of Merrimack and Bedford six miles, thence running west on Bedford and a tract of land called New Boston six miles, thence South about five miles and a half to Souhegan River aforesaid, thence by said River to the place where it began: Be, and hereby are, declared and ordained to be a Town Corporate, and are hereby erected and Incorporated into a body Politic and Corporate, to have continuance until the first of January, 1762, by the name of AMHERST, with all the Powers and Authorities, Privileges, Immunities, and Franchises, which any other Towns in said Province by Law hold and enjoy, to the said inhabitants, or who shall hereafter inhabit there, and their successors for said term; always reserving to us, our Heirs and Suc-



cessors, all White Pine trees that are or shall be found growing and being on said tract of land fit for the use of our Royal Navy; Reserving also to us, our Heirs and successors, the power and the right of dividing said town, when it shall appear necessary and convenient to the Inhabitants thereof. Provided, nevertheless, and it is hereby declared, that this Charter and Grant is not intended, and shall not in any manner be construed to extend to or effect the Private Property of the soil within the limits aforesaid. And as the several towns within our said Province aforesaid are by the laws thereof enabled and authorized to assemble and, by the majority of voters present, to choose all such officers and transact such affairs as are in the said laws declared:—We do by these presents nominate and appoint Lieut.-Col. John Goffe to call the first meeting of said Inhabitants, to be held within said town at any time within forty days from the date hereof, giving legal notice of the Time and design of holding such Meeting.—After which, the Annual Meeting in said Town shall be held, for the choice of Officers and the purposes aforesaid, on the second Monday in March, annually.

In testimony whereof, we have caused the Seal of our Province to be hereunto affixed.

Witness, Benning Wentworth, Esquire, Our Governor and Commander-in-chief of our said Province, the eighteenth day of January, in the Thirty-Third year of our Reign, and in the Year of our Lord Christ One thousand and seven hundred and sixty.

B. WENTWORTH.

By his Excellency's Command, with advice of Council:

THEODORE ATKINSON, Sec'y.

A meeting for the organization of the town, under the charter, was held at the meeting-house, 20 February, 1760, at which Col. John Goffe, who was appointed to call the meeting, read the charter.

Solomon Hutchinson was chosen town-clerk, and was immediately sworn to the faithful execution of the duties of the office.

Col. John Goffe was chosen moderator, and the town voted to accept the charter.

Solomon Hutchinson, William Bradford, Reuben Mussey, Reuben Gould, and Thomas Clark, were chosen selectmen,

David Hartshorn and Nathan Kendall, tithing-men, and the other usual town officers, were elected.

Gen. JEFFREY AMHERST, from whom the town derived its name, was born at Riverhead, County of Kent, England, 29 January, 1717. He early devoted himself to the profession of arms, and received an ensign's commission at the age of fourteen years.

At the age of twenty-five he was engaged in the wars in Europe, serving on the staff of Lord Ligonier. At a later date he served on the staff of the Duke of Cumberland. In 1756 he was in command of a regiment of foot. In 1758 he was appointed to the American service, with the rank of major-general. He sailed from Portsmouth, Eng., 16 March, 1758, with the forces destined for the siege of Louisburg. That fortress surrendered on the sixth day of July following, and he speedily took possession of the whole of the island of Cape Breton.

Soon after this, he succeeded Gen. Abercrombie in the command of the British forces in North America. In November, 1758, he planned and executed the capture of Fort DuQuesne. The capture of Niagara and Ticonderoga soon followed. Crown Point, on Lake Champlain, was taken 14 October, 1759, soon after the conquest of Quebec by Wolfe; and on the eighth day of October, 1760, Montreal was surrendered to the British forces.

Shortly after this, he was made Governor-General of Canada, Knight of the Bath, Lieutenant-General, and a member of His Majesty's Privy Council.

He resigned his command in America soon after the close of the war, in 1763, and returned to England.

In 1770 he became Governor of Guernsey; was sworn of the Privy Council in 1772; and in 1776 was advanced to the peerage, when he took the title of Baron Amherst, of Homesdale, in the County of Kent. In 1787 he received another patent, as Baron Amherst, of Montreal. From 1772 to 1782 he acted as Commander-in-chief of the British

forces. In 1782 he received the golden stick from the King.

Upon a change in the administration, the command of the army was put into other hands, but in 1793 it was restored to him. In 1795 he was superseded in the command by the Duke of York, then a young man, who had never seen any service. He was then offered an earldom and the rank of field-marshal, both of which he declined: but in the following year he accepted the appointment of field-marshal. He died at his seat at Montreal, 3 August, 1797.

He was possessed of a collected and temperate mind: had but little liking for show or parade; was a strict disciplinarian, but a friend to the soldier. He was twice married, but left no children, and his title and estates passed to a nephew.

RESIDENT TAX-PAYERS IN AMHERST, SEPTEMBER, 1760.

Ephraim Abbot,	Benjamin Davis,
Joshua Abbot,	John Davis,
Josiah Abbot,	Benjamin Dresser,
Ebenezer Averill,	Ebenezer Ellinwood,
Thomas Averill,	Ebenezer Ellinwood, jr.,
Andrew Bixby,	Jedediah Ellinwood,
Joseph Boutele,	Joseph Ellinwood,
Kendal Boutele,	Francis Elliott,
Andrew Bradford,	Elisha Felton,
Samuel Bradford,	Simeon Fletcher,
William Bradford,	Nathan Fuller,
David Burns,	Richard Gould,
John Burns,	Samuel Gray,
Joseph Butterfield,	David Hartshorn,
Oliver Carlton,	John Harwood,
Benjamin Clark,	Ephraim Hildreth,
Joseph Clark, jr.,	Amey Hobbs,
Thomas Clark,	William Hogg,
James Cochran,	Ebenezer Holt,
John Cole,	Ebenezer Holt, jr.,
Jacob Curtice,	J. Holt,

Isaac How,	John Shepard, jr.,
Solomon Hutchinson,	Joseph Small,
William Jones,	John Smith,
Nathan Kendall,	Timothy Smith,
Jonathan Lamson,	Joseph Steel,
Samuel Lamson,	Caleb Stiles,
Samuel Lamson, jr.,	John Stuart,
William Lancy,	Robert Stuart,
Abijah Lovejoy,	Samuel Stuart,
Benjamin Lovejoy,	Benjamin Taylor,
Hezekiah Lovejoy,	Israel Towne,
Joseph Lovejoy,	Israel Towne, jr.,
Ephraim Lund,	Moses Towne,
Ebenezer Lyon,	Thomas Towne,
Jonathan Lyon,	David Truel,
John McClernand,	Moses Truel,
Timothy McIntire,	Caleb Upton,
William Melendy,	Thomas Wakefield,
Reuben Mussey,	William Wallace,
William Odall,	Davis Walton,
John Patterson,	Reuben Walton,
William Peabody,	John Washer,
John Pettengill,	Stephen Washer,
Joseph Prince,	John Wasson,
Robert Read,	Daniel Weston,
Alexander Robinson,	Ebenezer Weston,
Samuel Robinson,	Ebenezer Weston, jr.,
Hannah Rollins,	George Wiley,
James Rollins,	Amos Wilkins,
Hugh Ross,	Benjamin Wilkins,
Andrew Seaton,	Daniel Wilkins,
John Seaton,	Lucy Wilkins,
Samuel Seaton,	William Wilkins,
John Shepard,	Mary Wilkins,

One hundred and ten in all.

Among the heaviest tax-payers were William Peabody, whose tax was £46, 18s., 3d.; Nathan Kendall, £39, 11s., 6d.; Israel Towne, £34, 1s., 9d.; Joseph Prince, £31, 7s., 9d.; and Joseph Steel, £30, 14s., 3d. A poll tax was £3, 7s., 6d.

A regiment of eight hundred men was raised in New Hampshire this year (1760) to serve in an expedition for the invasion of Canada. It was under the command of Col. John Goffe, and marched from Litchfield, through Monson, Peterborough, and Keene, to Charlestown, on Connecticut river, thence they cut a road twenty-six miles, through the wilderness, to the Green Mountains, after which they followed the road cut the previous year by Stark and the rangers to Crown Point. They were forty-four days in cutting the road to the Green Mountains. A large drove of cattle, for the army at Crown Point, followed them.

A severe drought prevailed in the year 1761, by which the crops were cut short in the frontier towns, and supplies of provisions had to be obtained from abroad. It is related that one of the settlers in Amherst, named Clark, walked from this town to Charlestown, Mass., and purchased a bushel of corn from a vessel lying near the ferry. This he carried on his shoulder to Lovewell's mills, in Dunstable, where it was ground into meal, which he carried home on his shoulder. The whole distance out was about fifty miles.

A tax of £561, old tenor, was assessed upon the taxpayers of Amherst this year (1761), as the town's proportion of the cost of the expedition to Crown Point in 1760, and the reinforcements sent there, and for the expenses of promoting and carrying on an expedition against His Majesty's enemies in North America.

For the payment of this tax the following articles were to be received at the prices specified, the same being delivered to the Province treasurer at the expense of the owner: Bills of credit; Spanish milled dollars, at 15s. each, new tenor; gold and silver, in proportion; good bar iron, at £3 per hundred weight; hemp, at 1s. per pound; Indian corn, at 10s. per bushel; pork, at 7d. per pound; flax seed, at 1s. per pound; pease, at 10s. per bushel; and codfish, at £1, 10s. per quintal.

## REVIVAL OF THE TOWN CHARTER.

The charter of the town expiring by limitation, on the first day of January, 1762, the following petition for its renewal was forwarded to the Governor and Council by the selectmen :

"To His Exelency Benning Wentworth, Esqr., Governor in chief in and over His Majestie's Province of New Hampshire, and to the Honorable the Counsell.

The Memorial of us, the Subscribers, the Select Men of the Town of Amherst, in Province aforesaid, Humbly sheweth that we, with the Lowest Submission, Sollicitously pray that your Excelency and Honours would lengthen out the life of the Charter of our Town; and we doubt not but your Excelency and Honours, in your Great wisdom and Clemency, will do it, during the King's pleasure; and so your Memorialists, as in duty bound, will ever pray.

REBU'EN MUSSEY, } *Selectmen,*  
THOS. WAKEFIELD, } *in behalf of*  
WILLIAM PEABODY, } *the Town.*

AMHERST, Dec'r ye 15th, 1761."

"N. B. We, the Subscribers, Selectmen of the Town of Amherst, Nominate and appoint Col. John Goff, Esqr., to represent to his Exelency the Governor and the Honorable Council our Memorial, above specified, to prolong our Town Charter."

The prayer of the selectmen was graciously answered by the royal Governor, in the name of his master, as follows :

## "PROVINCE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE.

George the Third, by the Grace of God, of Great Britain, France, and Ireland, King, Defender of the Faith, &c.

Whereas, our Late royal Grand-father, King George the Second, of Glorious memory, of his special Grace and upon the Petition of the Inhabitants of a Tract of Land in our said Province of New Hampshire, heretofore known by the Name of Souhegan West, and for the maintaining good order & encouraging the culture of the Land there, by his Letter Patent, or Charter, under the seal of our said Province, Dated the 18th day of Jan'ry, in the 33d Year of his reign, did erect and incorporate into a Body Politic, and Corporate, by the name of AMHERST, the Inhabitants of the said Tract of Land, or those that should inhabit therein thereafter, which tract is butted and bounded

as in the said Patent, or Charter, is expressed, and was to have continuance till the first day of Jan'y, 1762, which Time being elapsed, and the Inhabitants having again petitioned to have the said Charter Privileges renewed, and it appearing necessary to answer the good End proposed, as well as to Enable the Inhabitants aforesaid to assess and collect their rates and Taxes,

Know Ye, that We, being willing to promote the good End proposed, have of our Further Grace & Favor, By & with the advice & Consent of our Trusty & well beloved Benning Wentworth, our Governor & Commander in Chief, & of our Council for said Province, revived & regranted unto the said Inhabitants and their Successors on the s'd Tract of Land all the Powers & Authority, Privileges, Immunities, & Franchises, in the said Charter mentioned, as they enjoyed the same while that Charter was in force, and to have continuance until we thall please to Approve or disallow the same, and signify such our approbation or disallowance.

In testimony whereof we have caused the Seal of the Province aforesaid to be hereunto affixed.

Witness, Benning Wentworth, Esqr., our Governor & Commander in Chief, this 7th day of Jan'y, in the second year of our reign, Annoq Domini, 1762.

B. WENTWORTH.

By His Excellency's Command, with advice of Council:

THEODORE ATKINSON Sec'y.

## CHAPTER V.

ANNEXATION OF A PART OF SOUHEGAN WEST TO MERRIMACK.

—MONSON.—PETITION FROM MONSON FOR THE ANNEXATION OF A PART OF SOUHEGAN WEST TO THAT TOWN.—VOTE OF THE TOWN OF HOLLIS IN REGARD TO THE DISMEMBERMENT OF MONSON.—PETITION OF INHABITANTS OF MONSON TO BE ANNEXED TO HOLLIS.—MR. WILKINS REMONSTRATES.—SIGNERS TO THE REMONSTRANCE OF THE INHABITANTS OF AMHERST.—ACTION OF THE TOWN OF AMHERST.—MONSON DIVIDED BETWEEN AMHERST AND HOLLIS.—DISSATISFACTION OF MONSON PEOPLE.—PETITIONS FOR A TOWN TO BE COMPOSED OF THE MILE SLIP, DUXBURY SCHOOL FARM, AND PARTS OF LYNDEBOROUGH AND AMHERST.—EFFORTS FOR A DIVISION OF THE TOWN INTO PARISHES.—PETITION OF INHABITANTS OF THE NORTH-WEST PART OF THE TOWN TO BE INCORPORATED AS A SEPARATE PARISH.—INCORPORATION OF THE PETITIONERS AS A POLL PARISH.—PROCEEDINGS OF THE SECOND PARISH.—SETTLEMENT OF MR. BRUCE.—INCORPORATION OF THE SECOND PARISH BY METES AND BOUNDS.—BOUNDARIES CHANGED BY THE GENERAL COURT.—VARIOUS VOTES OF THE SECOND PARISH.—MEASURES TAKEN FOR THE INCORPORATION OF THE PARISH AS A TOWN.—ACTION OF THE TOWN OF AMHERST.—MONT VERNON INCORPORATED.—ITS BOUNDARIES, AND NAMES OF THE TAX-PAYERS, 1 APRIL, 1804.—PETITION FOR THE INCORPORATION OF A POLL PARISH IN THE SOUTH-WEST PART OF THE TOWN.—ACTION OF THE TOWN OF AMHERST.—INCORPORATION OF THE THIRD PARISH.—ITS ORGANIZATION, AND VOTES OF THE PARISH IN RELATION TO BUILDING A MEETING-HOUSE.—MOVEMENTS TO BE SET OFF AS A PARISH BY METES AND BOUNDS.—THE THIRD PARISH INCOR-



PORATED BY METES AND BOUNDS.—ORGANIZATION OF THE CHURCH.—VOTE OF THE PARISH IN REGARD TO THE INCORPORATION OF THE THIRD PARISH WITH DUXBURY SCHOOL FARM, AND THE MILE SLIP, AS A TOWN.—ACTION OF THE TOWN OF AMHERST.—MILFORD INCORPORATED.—ITS BOUNDARIES, AND FIRST TAX-PAYERS.—ANNEXATION OF ANOTHER PART OF AMHERST TO MILFORD.—REPORT OF A COMMITTEE APPOINTED BY THE TOWN OF AMHERST IN REGARD TO A PROPOSED TOWN, TO BE FORMED OF PARTS OF AMHERST, NEW BOSTON, BEDFORD, AND GOFFSTOWN.

The first dismemberment of Souhegan West took place 1 June, 1750, when, by the amended charter of Merrimack, a strip of land and water, some 1,380 rods in length, and averaging about 125 rods in width, was taken from Souhegan West, and annexed to that town.

This change seems to have been overlooked by Gov. Wentworth at the time the charter of Amherst was granted, its boundaries, as therein described, being the same as those given in the original survey in 1728.

This boundary was the source of some contention between the towns, and remained unsettled until the autumn of 1832, when it was settled by a committee consisting of Benjamin M. Farley, of Hollis; Jesse Bowers, of Dunstable; and John Wallace, of Milford.

#### AMHERST AND MONSON.

The town of Monson received a charter from Gov. Wentworth, 1 April, 1746. It was formerly a part of the town of Dunstable, as chartered by the General Court of Massachusetts, 16 October, 1673, and came under the jurisdiction of New Hampshire on the establishment of the boundary line between the Provinces in 1741.

The town of Hollis formed its southern boundary, and the Souhegan river, its northern boundary.

In 1754 a petition was presented to the Governor and Council by the selectmen and other inhabitants of the town of Monson, asking that a portion of Souhegan West, adjoining that town, and embracing about one third of the area of the township, might be annexed to Monson. A petition from persons inhabiting the territory asked for, asking to be annexed to Monson, was presented at the same time; but the request was not granted.

The town of Hollis, at a meeting held 2 March, 1761, voted to petition the town of Monson for a strip of land, one and a half mile in width, or thereabout, from the south side of that town, which the town of Monson voted to grant them, at a meeting held 23 March, 1761.

On the 18 October, 1762,

Daniel Bayley,  
Robert Colburn,  
William Colburn,  
William Colburn, jr.,  
Samuel Hayden,  
Daniel Kenrick,  
Abraham Leman,  
Onesiphorous Marsh,

Thomas Nevens,  
William Nevens,  
Zaccheus Shattuck,  
Joseph Stearns,  
Samuel Stearns, jr.,  
Daniel Wheeler, and  
James Wheeler,

inhabitants of Monson, petitioned the Governor and Council to be annexed to Hollis. A hearing on their petition was ordered in April following, but was postponed to the next June, in order to give the petitioners time to make further arrangements with the towns of Amherst and Hollis. After hearing the parties concerned, the petition was dismissed 3 June, 1763.

This movement for the dismemberment of Monson found but little favor in Amherst at first.

Pastor Wilkins was strongly opposed to it, as the following memorial will show :

## MEMORIAL OF REV. DANIEL WILKINS.

To His Excellency Benning Wentworth, Esquire, Governor and Commander-in-chief in and over His Majesty's Province of New Hampshire, and the Honorable His Majesty's Council and House of Representatives, in General Court assembled:

This Memorial humbly sheweth that the Towns of Hollis and Monson was lately notified of a Petition preferred to the General Court, to annex the south side of Monson to Hollis, by an act, which, when done, I humbly conceive will leave the Remainder under such circumstances as that they cannot subsist alone (their town then being but three miles in width, and very small in number, not exceeding twenty settlements), so that it will be necessary that they be annexed to us, or part of us to them, the consequence of which will not only prove fatal to our Town, but to me also, as it will not only throw an immense cost upon them, in pulling down our present Meeting-House (which is as large as meeting-houses commonly are in the country, lately finished, and situated to accommodate more people than any one meeting-house can in the town, or in Monson), and cause them to build two, instead of one,—too heavy a burden at present for Amherst.

And also, this scheme will prove very fatal to me, for it will remove the meeting-house far from me, at least ten miles, the travel of which will be too great a fatigue for me, now in the decline of life; and to purchase and build again, I am not able. And besides, the present scheme will doubtless kindle a fire that will not go out in this age, if ever, so that, if the difficulties of travel could be removed, yet, may it please your Excellency & Honours, I must conclude to live in the flames of contention, or else haul up stakes, with a numerous family, now in the decline of life, the latter of which I shall choose. In a word, I am aware of one great argument they will use to enforce their Petition, and it is this: viz., that the centre of their Town is such a broken piece of land that they can't, without a great expense, be accommodated with roads. To this, with submission, I reply, that within half a mile of the north side of our Meeting-House there begins a Break of land and extends to the Northern line of our town, across which a great number of families must travel if we have two meeting-houses in the Town, which break of land I am so well acquainted with that it appears as practical to me to make a road over the eminence of Joe Englishe's Hill as to make a road feasible for travelling over said break of land. That this may more plainly appear to your Excellency and Honers, the Selectmen of the town went to look out a road across part of it, the better to accommodate

some of our Inhabitants, and found it impracticable. Now when your Excellency and Hon'rs, in your great wisdom, consider how I began with this people when they were small in number, but fourteen families, and also the great fatigues and difficulties that I endured for many years to build them up such a flourishing people, especially, in the last war before this, encouraging a small number of families, not exceeding thirty, to keep their Possessions, which, if I had deserted, the whole Town would have disbanded and perhaps had been a howling wilderness to this day, as is the case with other deserted places, whereas now it is a flourishing Town, capable of bearing a considerable part of the Province Taxes, and would be a place of great unanimity, were it not for the scheme of splitting to pieces to satisfy the avaricious desire of some particular Gentlemen, as also the miserable condition that myself and my numerous family will be in if I am obliged to leave the people by this means. I am well assured that your Excellency and Honours, in your great wisdom and clemency, will favor no scheme that has any tendency to make your most dutiful subject miserable.

And so your Memorialist, as in duty bound, will ever pray.

DANIEL WILKINS.

Dated at Amherst the 28th March, 1763.

At about the same time another memorial was presented to the General Court, from inhabitants of Amherst, protesting against the annexation of a part of Monson to Hollis, in which many of the arguments were used against the measure that Mr. Wilkins advanced in his remonstrance.

This memorial was signed by

Joshua Abbot,  
Josiah Abbot,  
John Averill,  
Thomas Averill,  
Moses Barron, jr.,  
Andrew Bixbee,  
Joseph Boutell,  
Kendal Boutell,  
Samuel Bradford,  
William Bradford,  
David Burns,

John Burns,  
Oliver Carlton,  
Benjamin Clark,  
Thomas Clark,  
James Cochran,  
John Cole,  
Jacob Curtice,  
Benjamin Davis,  
John Davis,  
Jacob Dresser,  
Francis Elliott,

Ebenezer Ellinwood,	William Melendy, jr.,
Ebenezer Ellinwood, jr.,	John Mitchel,
Jedediah Ellinwood,	Reuben Mussey,
Joseph Ellinwood,	William Odell,
Rollandson Ellinwood,	Joshua Pettengill,
Elisha Felton,	John Patterson,
William Felton,	Nathan Phelps,
Simeon Fletcher,	Joseph Prince,
Nathan Fuller,	Hugh Ross,
John Harwood,	Oliver Sanders,
David Heartshorn,	John Seccombe,
Jacob Hildreth,	Andrew Seetown,
William Hogg,	Samuel Seetown,
Ebenezer Holt,	Andrew Shannon,
Ezekiel Holt,	Timothy Smith,
Abner Hutchinson,	John Stuart,
Solomon Hutchinson,	Caleb Stiles,
Jonathan Lampson,	Benjamin Taylor,
Abijah Lovejoy,	Thomas Towne,
Benjamin Lovejoy,	Amos Truel,
Benjamin Lovejoy, jr.,	David Truel,
Hezekiah Lovejoy.	Moses Truel,
Joseph Lovejoy,	Thomas Wakfield,
Ephraim Lund,	Daniel Weston,
Jonathan Lyon,	Ebenezer Weston,
Timothy McIntire,	Ebenezer Whittemore.
William Melendy,	

Proposals for a division of the town of Monson bet the towns of Amherst and Hollis were laid before the v of Amherst, at a meeting held 21 February, 1763, b action was taken upon them.

At a meeting held 10 March, 1766, the people of the were called upon

"To determine concerning a petition, expected from Hollis, r to having a portion of Monson annexed to Amherst, and to things necessary about the premises."

On which they

*"Voted, that they will not answer the petition of a number of persons in Monson, relative to having a part of said Monson annexed to Amherst."*

At the same time they expressed their wishes in regard to the attendance of the Monson people upon their Sunday services by voting

*"That those of Monson that will instantly contract for having their polls and estates assessed to the minister, in equal proportion with the people in Amherst, shall be permitted to enjoy gospel privileges in common with them, and such of them as will not pay a proper proportion, as aforesaid, are desired not to encumber the meeting-house any longer."*

But in a short time a different spirit prevailed. On the tenth day of April following, we find them voting, in town meeting,

*"To repeal the second article voted at the last meeting relative to Monson, and that the same is hereby repealed and made void."*

They not only repealed the vote, but expressed a willingness to receive the Monson brethren as follows :

*"Voted, that the following part of Monson, with the people thereon, may be annexed, or joined to this town, and enjoy all privileges and Immunities in common with this town : viz.,*

*Beginning at the North-East corner of said Monson, from thence south by the town of Merrimack two miles, thence due west to the west side of said Monson, thence north to Souhegan river, so called, thence down said river to the bounds first mentioned, upon the following condition, and not otherwise,—that is to say, they, the people of Monson, to be at the expense of getting the thing done."*

And the people of Monson, having obtained the consent of the town, did, at last, "get the thing done."

On the fourth day of July, 1770, a charter dividing the town of Monson between the towns of Amherst and Hollis received the sanction of Gov. John Wentworth ; and thus Monson died from among the towns of New Hampshire, after an existence of about twenty-four years.

It died, seized and possessed of a *pound*, said to have been the only public building ever erected within its borders.

A town meeting was held 13 September, 1770, at which the charter of annexation was read, and the new-made citizens of Amherst welcomed.

But many of the Monson people were soon dissatisfied with this arrangement. On the 26 January, 1771, a petition, signed by thirty persons, was presented to the Governor, asking that all of that part of Amherst lying south of a line commencing at a point on its western boundary, one mile north of Souhegan river, and running due east to its eastern boundary, might be incorporated as a separate town.

Immediately after this a remonstrance against this change, signed by one hundred and twenty-seven residents of Amherst, was presented to the Governor, and the prayer of the petitioners was not granted.

#### MOVEMENTS FOR A DIVISION OF THE TOWN.

In March, 1779, a petition was presented to the legislature by sundry inhabitants of Amherst, Lyndeborough, and the Mile Slip, asking to be incorporated into a town, with the following boundaries: namely, commencing at the north-east corner of the town of Wilton, thence easterly across the town of Lyndeborough to Amherst west line, thence southerly to the south-east corner of Lyndeborough, thence in an easterly course far enough to make 396 rods from the west line of Amherst, thence south to the east end of the house of John Burns, thence south to Hollis line, thence west on the south line of Amherst and the Mile Slip to Mason line, thence north by Mason and Wilton to the bound first mentioned.

Against the incorporation of this town sixteen inhabitants of Amherst, six of the Mile Slip, and one of Lyndeborough, residing within its limits, protested.

31 May, 1780, Stephen Blanchard, Stephen Blanchard, jr., Simon Blanchard, Richard Boynton, David Chandler, Samuel Gutterson, Caleb Jones, Benjamin Lewis, Benjamin Lewis, jr., Timothy MacIntire, Joshua Mooar, Thomas Parson, William Parson, Samuel Parson, Aaron Peabody, Joseph Wallace, Stephen Williams, and Benjamin Wright, inhabitants of Mile Slip and Duxbury school farm, petitioned the General Court to be incorporated, with a part of Amherst, into a town with the following bounds: commencing at a white oak tree standing in the east line of the town of Wilton, it being the north-west corner of the Mile Slip, thence easterly on the south line of Lyndeborough, 600 poles to the south-east corner of Lyndeborough, thence northerly on the east line of Lyndeborough about half a mile to the south-east corner bound of a lot of land owned by Joseph Duncklee, thence easterly 488 poles to a stake and stones at the south-east corner of a lot owned by Amos Green, thence southerly 592 poles to an oak tree standing on land of Col. John Shepard, by the north bank of Souhegan river, thence south-easterly by Souhegan river to a stake and stones on the south side of the river, on land of Moses Towne, about two miles in a straight line from the oak tree mentioned as standing on Shepard's land, thence southerly 620 poles to a stake and stones standing on the north line of Hollis, thence westwardly on the north line of Hollis four miles and a quarter to the north-west corner bounds of Hollis, thence westerly one mile to Mason line, thence northerly 248 poles to the south-east corner of the town of Wilton, thence northerly on the same course to the bound first mentioned.

At the same time Ebenezer Averill, Elijah Averill, Andrew Bradford, John Bradford, Joshua Burnam, Stephen Burnam, Joseph Crosby, Josiah Crosby, Josiah Crosby, jr., William Crosby, Benjamin Hopkins, jr., Abner Hutchinson, Bartholomew Hutchinson, Benjamin Hutchinson, Elisha Hutchinson, Nathan Hutchinson, Nathan Hutchin-



son, jr., Caleb Jones, William Peabody, William Peabody, jr., Benjamin Temple, John Wallace, and William Wallace, residents in Amherst on the territory proposed to be incorporated into the new town, presented a petition for the same purpose, but their petitions were not granted.

#### THE SECOND PARISH.

Efforts for a division of the town into parishes were made as early as 1778. In the autumn of that year several persons, residing in the vicinity of Shepard's mills, petitioned to be set off as a parish by themselves; but the town refused to grant their request.

In the spring of 1779 the town chose a committee "to treat with sundry persons belonging to the north-westerly part of the town, who had petitioned to be set off as a parish." The committee was also authorized to treat with a number of inhabitants of the town, residing in the westerly part of the same, who desired to be set off to Duxbury school farm, and the Mile Slip.

After hearing the report of this committee, the town, at a meeting held 31 March, 1779, voted "not to set off a parish in the north-westerly part of the town." They also voted "not to set off the westerly part of the town to Duxbury school farm and the Mile Slip." The Mile Slip was a strip of land about five miles long, and some three hundred and fifty rods wide, which laid between Amherst and Hollis on the east, and Wilton and Mason on the west, and extended from Lyndeborough on the north to Raby, now Brookline, on the south. It became a part of Milford in 1794.

Duxbury school farm laid between Lyndeborough and Souhegan river, west of Amherst, and between Amherst and the Mile Slip. It became a part of Milford in 1794.

Petitions having been presented to the General Court for the establishment of new parishes in Amherst, the town, 5

August, 1779, appointed a committee to show cause or reasons why they should not be granted, and appointed an agent "to prefer and enforce said reasons at the General Court."

6 December, 1779. Sundry inhabitants of the north-west part of the town asked to be voted off as a parish, on condition that the inhabitants of that part of the town should pay their full proportion toward the support of Rev. Mr. Wilkins, and every charge of the town, except the settlement of a minister, until they could supply themselves with preaching in the parish; but the town refused to grant their request.

At the same time several of the inhabitants of the westerly part of the town, who desired to be set off to Duxbury school farm, the Mile Slip, and a part of Lyndeborough, asked to be excused from paying toward the ordination of a minister; or if they did pay, to have the money refunded to them, if they were set off within four years. This request was also denied.

At a meeting held 31 May, 1780, the town was again asked that the south-west part of the town might be set off and incorporated as a body politic with Duxbury school farm, and One Mile Slip; but leave was not granted.

Another committee was appointed by the town, 11 September, 1780, to show cause before the General Court why the prayer of a number of the inhabitants of the town residing in the north-westerly part of the same, asking to be set off as a separate parish, should not be granted. The committee was also instructed to show cause why the prayer of those persons residing in the south-west part of the town, who asked to be set off as a town with Duxbury and the Mile Slip, should not be granted.

Sundry persons residing in town having petitioned to the General Court to be exempted from the payment of a ministerial tax, and for the appointment of a committee to view their local situation, a committee was chosen 24 May, 1781,

to draw up reasons why their petition should not be granted ; and the committee was authorized to appoint one or more of its number to repair to the Court, oppose the petitions, and meet a committee or committees of the petitioners, to consider and make report for an accommodation.

The following petition, presented to the General Court, at its session in March, 1781, sets forth the reasons which actuated the petitioners in asking for a separation :

To the Hon'ble the Council & Gents of the Hon'ble House of Representatives in General Assembly Convened, at Exeter, in the State of New Hampshire. 14 March, 1781.

The Humble petition of the several persons whose names are hereto set and subscribed, Inhabitants of Amherst, in the County of Hillsborough, living Chiefly in the North-west part of s'd Town,

Sheweth, That the Rev'd Mr. Daniel Wilkins, the former minister of Amherst, Being By Age and infirmities Rendered incapable of Duty, the Town Chose a Committee to hire preaching until another minister should be ordained. By which means, the Reverend Mr. Jeremiah Barnard was introduced into the Church there, only By way of Supply, the Town not being in a proper situation for settling a Minister. However, the s'd Mr. Barnard officiated there for some time. That your petitioners, for Reasons hereafter mentioned, Could, By no Means, Rest Satisfied under his Ministry, and openly Disapproved of him. Notwithstanding which, a party was form'd In favor of s'd Barnard, which party, taking advantage of Calling Church and Town meetings when the severity of the season was such, and at times when such abundance of snow had fallen, that it was extremely Difficult, if not morally impossible, to have a general attendance of the town inhabitants, it was carried by a very small Majority, to give the s'd Mr. Barnard a call. An Ecclesiastical Council was Convened at Amherst, on the first day of March, 1780, for the purpose of ordaining him. That although your petitioners were convinced to their great Grief and Sorrow (by being out voted) that they were not the greatest part of the inhabitants of said Town, yet being conscious of their weight and Importance (as paying a greater part of Taxes than those that voted in favor of Mr. Barnard's settling), they did think themselves aggrieved in having the s'd Mr. Barnard *imposed* upon them in that *unfair manner*; and they did—previous to the s'd ordination—sign and address a Memorial and Remonstrance, Couched in the strongest but most modest Terms, to the s'd Council, setting forth,

amongst other things, 'that with Regard to Mr. Barnard, they must say, that he was not a man of their choice; that he was not the man that they should choose for their Spiritual Guide, for their instructor in the Great and Deep mysteries of the Gospel of Jesus Christ, and that his, the s'd Mr. Barnard's, discourses—however Doctrinally sound they might be—did not appear to be delivered in the demonstration of the Spirit and with that *life, power, and energy* which they could wish for, nor yet with that Clearness and perspicuity which they thought they had a right to expect from a Man thoroughly furnished to every good work, and from one who might come to them in the fulness of the blessings of the Gospel of peace.

And in conclusion, hoping that the bare sight of such a number of names as would be annexed to s'd Memorial might be sufficient to Convince Mr. Barnard that he ought not to think of settling where there was so little prospect of his being Beneficial to the people and comfortable to himself.'

And praying the Venerable Council that the said Mr. Barnard might not be ordained,—To which Memorial your Petitioners pray leave to refer themselves, And that it may be taken as part of this Petition.

That, Notwithstanding there are some few of your petitioners who did not sign said Memorial, yet did they oppose Mr. Barnard's being settled as their minister, and did in the strongest (though) modest terms Manifest to the said Council their disapprobation of the said Mr. Barnard's being ordained as a minister of the church and People of this Town.

That, notwithstanding the said Memorial and Remonstrance, the Council thought fit to ordain, and did accordingly ordain the said Mr. Barnard.

In consequence whereof, for the reasons aforesaid, and also because the said Mr. Barnard and his Party carry the Advantage they have gained in manner as before set forth, with a high hand, your Petitioners cannot in conscience resort to the now place of Public Worship in Amherst, nor can they join in prayer, nor in communion, with the said Mr. Barnard, nor reap any benefit from his discourses, so that they wholly absent themselves and may be said to be without any settled minister.

Moreover, under all these difficulties and hardships which they labor under, your Petitioners are liable to be rated with their equal proportion of rates toward the support of the said Mr. Barnard, and as under the foregoing circumstances your Petitioners think hard of paying them, it seems to open a door of Contention and Law-suit, which they would avoid.

That your humble petitioners, in Expectation of Being sett off as a separate parish, did, sometime ago, at their own proper charge, build a Commodious Meeting-house at the said N. W. part of said Amherst, and have hired preaching for sometime past, hoping at the same time to have enjoyed the privilege of a minister of their own choosing, our local situation being such as required the same. But that not being granted by the then Hon'ble Assembly, Your Petitioners now have recourse to your Honors, praying that you would take their most unhappy cases into your Serious Consideration, and that they may be at liberty to bring in a bill whereby they may be severed from the said New Meeting-house and Minister, and from any future minister there, and from paying any rates for the repairs of the said meeting-house, or support of the new minister, or any future minister of the same, and that your Petitioners may be invested with the Power of assessing, levying, and raising money for keeping their said Meeting-house in Repair, when the same shall be in want thereof, and for settling and constantly maintaining a Gospel minister in said N. W. Meeting-house, and that it may and shall be lawful for any now minor Children or servants of your Pet'rs, as soon as they shall come of age, to poll off, if they see fit, and join such future minister or Ministers of the Gospel at the said North-West Meeting-house, and may in like manner be declared Independent of said Mr. Barnard's Meeting-House, and separate therefrom, & from all rates whatsoever, incident to the support of that meeting-house or minister, provided that such child or children, servant or servants, so coming of age, do signify to the Town-Cl'k of Amherst, in writing, his, her, or their, desire of joining and becoming members of the said N. W. Society or parish, or that your Hon'rs will grant your Pet'rs Relief in such other manner as you in your great wisdom shall deem most meet.

And your Petitioners, as in Duty bound, will ever Pray.

Signed by John Averill and fifty-one others.

With the foregoing petition, we have the following record :

#### STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE.

In the House of Representatives, June 20th, 1781. Upon reading and considering the foregoing Petition, Voted, that the prayer thereof be granted, and that the Petitioners have leave to bring in a bill accordingly.

Sent up for Concurrence :

JOHN LANGDON, SPEAKER.

In Council, June 21st, 1781, Read and Concurred :

E. THOMPSON, SEC'Y.

Accordingly, on the thirtieth day of June, 1781, the following persons were set off and constituted the Second, or North-West, parish of Amherst :

John Averill,	Robert Parker,
William Bradford, jr.,	Hannah Peabody,
John Burnam,	Joseph Perkins,
Oliver Carlton,	Daniel Simonds,
Thomas Carlton,	Daniel Smith,
John Cole,	Isaac Smith,
Nathan Cole,	Jacob Smith,
Josiah Dodge,	James Smith,
John Duncklee,	Timothy Smith,
Joseph Duncklee,	Timothy Smith, jr.,
Joseph Farnum,	Joseph Steel,
Nathan Flint,	Samuel Sterns,
Nathan Flint, jr.,	Amos Stickney,
Allen Goodridge,	Thomas Towne, jr.,
Daniel Gould,	Joseph Tuck,
Richard Gould,	Enos Upton,
John Harwood,	Ezekiel Upton,
Nathaniel Haywood,	Richard Ward,
James Hopkins,	Abijah Wilkins,
Nathan Jones, jr.,	Daniel Wilkins,
William Lamson,	Eli Wilkins,
Joseph Langdell,	Joshua Wilkins,
Andrew Leavitt,	William Wilkins,
Joseph Lovejoy,	Samuel Winchester,
John Mills,	James Woodbury,
Knight Nichols,	Peter Woodbury.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE NORTH-WEST PARISH.

The first parish meeting was held 24 June, 1781. Nathaniel Haywood was chosen moderator ; Eli Wilkins,

clerk ; Peter Woodbury, Nehemiah Haywood, and Abijah Wilkins, assessors ; James Woodbury, treasurer ; Nathan Flint, collector ; and Timothy Smith, Oliver Carlton, and Richard Gould, a committee to hire preaching.

12 March, 1782, James Woodbury, Amos Stickney, and Abijah Wilkins, were appointed a committee to lay the lower floor, and sell the pew ground, in the meeting-house, at public auction, and lay out the money received therefor in finishing the house. It was voted, that if any notes were taken for the pew ground, " they shall be upon interest."

1 July, 1782, voted, " to hire preaching upon probation.

29 August, 1782, voted to hire Mr. Powers to preach in said parish. At the same meeting, a proposition to unite with the South-West parish in hiring preaching at Mr. Abner Hutchinson's was rejected.

18 January, 1783, voted to hire Mr. Allen to preach four Sundays, if his services can be procured.

4 March, 1783, voted to raise fifty pounds to defray parish charges.

9 September, 1783, voted not to hire Mr. Allen any longer. Voted not to send to Dartmouth College for a preacher.

9 December, 1783, voted to concur with the church in giving Mr. Samuel Sargent a call to settle in the gospel ministry in said parish.

Voted to give Mr. Sargent £120 lawful money as a settlement, and £60 lawful money and 20 cords wood yearly, as long as he supplies the pulpit, and £30 and 20 cords of wood yearly, during life, after he has ceased to supply the pulpit.

The effort to settle Mr. Sargent failed, for, 29 December, 1784, they voted to concur with the church in giving Mr. John Bruce a call to settle in the gospel ministry in this parish. Also voted to offer Mr. Bruce £120 as a settlement, and £60 and 20 cords of wood yearly, so long as he carries on the work of the gospel ministry here, and £30

and 20 cords of wood annually, if he should become disabled from carrying on the work of the ministry, for so long a time as he remains the minister of the place.

Nathaniel Haywood, Oliver Carlton, and Lieut. William Bradford, were appointed a committee to communicate the votes of the parish to Mr. Bruce, and receive his answer.

Mr. Bruce accepted the call, and, after some delay, was ordained 3 November, 1785. He continued pastor of the parish and town until his death, which took place 12 March, 1809.

An act defining the boundaries of the Second parish in Amherst, was passed by the legislature, 24 January, 1789.

7 January, 1790. The First parish having petitioned for the repeal of the act establishing the boundaries of the Second parish, William Lamson, Henry Campbell, and Capt. William Bradford, were appointed a committee to appear before the General Court, and show cause why the prayer of the petition should not be granted.

4 June, 1790, Capt. William Bradford and Henry Campbell were appointed a committee to go to Concord to hear the report of a committee appointed by the General Court respecting the alteration of the boundary line between Mr. Barnard's and Mr. Bruce's parishes.

26 April, 1790. The meeting-house still remaining unfinished, the parish chose a committee to finish the meeting-house, as was voted, the committee to return any overplus, that might arise from the sale of the pews, to the treasurer.

15 October, 1790, voted that the committee for the time being finish the ministerial pew, on the spot reserved for that purpose.

25 January, 1791. Another act establishing the boundaries of the Second parish was passed by the legislature, changing them somewhat from those fixed by the former act.



21 March, 1791, voted to accept a strip of land lying in the easterly part of Lyndeborough, with the inhabitants living thereon, as a part of this parish, provided the consent of Lyndeborough is obtained.

9 July, 1791, voted to find stuff and build the seats in the meeting-house, except the breast-work in front of the seats, and appointed Moses Kimball, Lieut. Joseph Farnum, and Oliver Carlton, a committee to see the work completed.

19 March, 1792, Capt. John Mills was allowed seven shillings for sweeping the meeting-house six times, and taking care of the same for one year.

24 March, 1792, Mr. Jonathan Conant, formerly of Beverly, was designated, by a vote of the parish, as the most suitable man to serve as a justice of the peace in said parish.

25 May, 1792. Voted to build a wall by the highway against the burying-ground.

Voted, "that the *bass viol* be not carried into the meeting-house to be used in time of exercise."

25 October, 1792, voted to allow the bill of the committee for building the gate in front of the burying-ground, amounting to £4, 19s., 5d.

Voted not to have the *small-pox* any longer in said parish after the house that is now infected can be cleansed.

Voted to build another piece of wall by the side of the burying-ground.

18 March, 1793, voted the pew in the gallery of the meeting-house to the use of the singers.

17 March, 1794, voted Capt. Mills twelve shillings for sweeping the meeting-house four times and taking care of the same one year.

21 March, 1796, an article having been inserted in the warrant calling the meeting holden this day, asking the consent of the parish that the *bass viol* be used in the meeting-house on Sundays, to assist the singers in time of public worship, failed of approval.

2 May, 1796, voted to raise \$178 to pay a note held by Rev. True Kimball, for preaching in the parish, the note being signed by the committee chosen to hire preaching at the time it was given.

1801. Voted to raise \$253.33 to pay Mr. Bruce's salary.

3 May, 1802, voted to take measures to effect a separation from the town of Amherst, and a committee, consisting of Maj. William Bradford, John Carlton, Capt. John Batchelder, Capt. Joseph Perkins, Capt. Thomas Cloutman, Dea. Jacob Kendall, Lieut. Benjamin Parker, Lieut. Joseph Farnum, Eli Wilkins, Parker Richardson, Nathan Jones, and Lieut. Timothy Hill, was appointed to petition the town relative thereto.

On the last Thursday of May, 1802, the parish voted to petition the General Court to incorporate them into a town, with the same boundaries as those first established between the First and Second parishes; also, that a strip of land half a mile wide, lying in the easterly part of Lyndeborough, extending the entire length of this parish, and adjoining it, be asked for as a part of the new town.

Nathan Jones, Eli Wilkins, James Smith, Joseph Langdell, and Capt. Joseph Perkins, were appointed a committee to prepare a petition for that purpose.

On the first Monday of June, 1802, chose Nathan Jones, Capt. Joseph Perkins, and Capt. Benjamin Parker, to present the petition to the General Court.

21 November, 1803, voted to accept the report of the committee of the General Court in regard to the incorporation of the new town.

Voted, that the name of the contemplated town be MONT VERNON.

#### ACTION OF THE TOWN OF AMHERST.

2 May, 1803, at a town meeting held this day, Col. Robert Means, Samuel Wilkins, Daniel Warner, Samuel Whiting, and William Fisk, of the First parish, and William

Bradford, Joseph Perkins, Eli Wilkins, Ebenezer Odell, and Joseph Langdell, of the Second parish, were chosen to confer together upon a division of the town and the incorporation of the Second parish into a separate town. Said committee were instructed to report at this meeting.

After a session of one hour, the committee reported verbally, "not agreed."

Whereupon, the town chose Col. Daniel Warner, agent to attend the General Court in the matter of the Second parish petition. Daniel Campbell, Samuel Wilkins, and Charles H. Atherton, were appointed a committee to consult with said agent, and give him such advice and instruction as they might think proper, free of expense to the town, before he shall attend the General Court.

An act incorporating the town of MONT VERNON passed the Senate the eighth; the House, the ninth; and received the approval of Gov. John Taylor Gilman, the fifteenth day of December, 1803.

Its boundaries, as given in the act of incorporation, were as follows :

"Beginning at the north-west corner of Amherst, on New Boston south line, thence running southerly on the west line of Amherst about four miles and a half to the north-west corner of the town of Milford, thence easterly on the north line of Milford to the south-east corner of a lot of land now in possession of David Dodge and John Cochran, thence northerly to the north-west corner thereof, thence easterly to the south-west corner of a lot now in possession of Nathan Fuller and John Fuller, thence northerly to the north-west corner thereof, thence easterly on the north line of said Fuller's lot and the north line of Elisha Felton's house lot, and the same course on the line of Enos Bradford and Lambert Bradford's land to the south-west corner of land now or lately owned by Enos Bradford, thence northerly on the east line of said land and the east line of a lot now owned by John Clap to the north-east corner of said Clap's land, thence a few rods to the south-west corner of a lot now in possession of Andrew Leavitt, thence northerly on the west line of said lot in possession of said Leavitt and on the west line of a lot now owned by Col. Robert Means and others to the south-east corner of land now owned by

Joseph Nichols, thence northerly on the west line of said Nichols's land to the north-west corner thereof, thence easterly on the north line of said Nichols's land to a line running south from the east side of Henry Spaulding's land, thence north to the south-east corner of said Spaulding's land and on the easterly line thereof until it intersects New Boston line, thence westerly to the place of beginning."

RESIDENT TAX-PAYERS IN MONT VERNON, 1 APRIL, 1804.

Timothy Austin,	Josiah Dodge, jr.,
Jesse Averill,	Jonathan Duncklee,
John Averill,	Benjamin Durant,
John Averill, jr.,	Israel Farnum,
Eben Batchelder,	Joseph Farnum,
Israel Batchelder,	Thomas Farnum,
John Batchelder,	John Fisk,
James Bennett,	John B. Flanigan,
Ebenezer Bills,	Nathan Flint,
Jonathan Bixby,	Samuel Flint,
Enos Bradford,	Lieut. Allen Goodridge,
Lambert Bradford,	Allen Goodridge,
Widow Bradford,	Nathan Green,
William Bradford,	John Harwood,
William Bradford, jr.,	John Harwood, jr.,
Mark Burnam,	William Hastings,
Charles Cambridge,	Lieut. Josiah Herrick,
John Carlton,	Peter Herrick,
Mrs. Emma Carlton,	Mrs. Judith Hill,
Nathan Cleaves,	Timothy Hill,
Josiah Coburn,	Ebenezer Holt,
Thomas Cloutman,	Ezekiel Holt,
Henry Codman,	James Hopkins,
Joseph Coggin,	James Hopkins, jr.,
William Coggin,	Robert Hosea,
Jonathau Conant,	Nathan Jones,
Jonathan Conant, jr.,	Peter Jones,
Lot Conant,	Daniel Kendall,
Nathan Cross,	Jacob Kendall,
Jacob Curtis,	John Kendall,
Jacob Curtis, jr.,	Lieut. Thaddeus Kendall,
Allen Dodge,	William L. Kidder,
Joseph Dodge,	Josiah Kittredge,
Josiah Dodge,	Solomon Kittredge,

Dr. Zephaniah Kittredge,	David Smith,
Jesse Lamson,	Eben Smith,
Jonathan Lamson, jr.,	Isaac Smith,
Mrs. Mary Lamson,	Isaac Smith, jr.,
Joseph Langdell,	Jacob Smith,
Jonathan Low,	James Smith,
Isaac Manning,	Jeremiah Smith,
John Manning,	Nathan Smith,
David Marshall,	Timothy Smith,
Ebenezer Mills,	Abijah Spofford,
Sammel Mitchell,	Benjamin Starnes,
Lieut. Ebenezer Odall,	Cyrus Styles,
Ebenezer Odall, jr.,	Josiah Swinnerton,
Capt. Benjamin Parker,	Robert Taggart,
Robert Parker, jr.,	Henry Treavitt,
Aaron Peabody,	Allen Towne,
John Peabody,	John Trow,
Moses Peabody,	Joseph Trow,
Samuel Peabody,	Joseph Trow, jr.,
Capt. Joseph Perkins,	Enos Upton,
Joseph Perkins, jr.,	Dea. Ezekiel Upton,
Samuel Phelps,	Lieut. Ezekiel Upton,
Ens. Benjamin Pike,	Nehemiah Upton,
Ephraim Pike,	Isaac Weston,
James Ray,	John Weston,
James Ray, jr.,	Thomas Weston,
Levi Ray,	Abial Wilkins,
Mrs. Phebe Raymond,	Abijah Wilkins,
John Roby,	Eli Wilkins,
John Roby, jr.,	Jonathan Wilkins,
John Rollins,	Peter Wilkins,
Daniel Secombe,	William Wilkins,
Dea. Daniel Smith,	James Woodbury.
Daniel Smith, jr.,	

## THE THIRD PARISH.

The inhabitants of the north-west part of the town having been incorporated as a separate parish, the following petition, from residents in the south-west part of the town, was presented to the legislature at its session in March, 1782:

"To the Honorable the Council, and the Gentlemen of the House of Representatives in General Court Convened, at Concord, in and for the State of New Hampshire, on Wednesday, the 13th day of March, . A. D. 1782.

The Petition of the subscribers Humbly shews :

That your Petitioners are Inhabitants of the extensive Town of Amherst, and the most of your Petitioners live in the South-Westerly part of said Town. That their local situation renders it impracticable for some of your Petitioners and many of their Children to give a general attendance at the stated place of publick worship in Amherst. That your petitioners conceive that it is of great importance that youth, as well as the aged, should be instructed in Morality and piety.

That the settlement of the present Minister in Amherst was disagreeable to many of your Petitioners, and that some of your Petitioners, previous to his Ordination, did sign a Memorial and Remonstrance, setting forth their sentiments of the matter, and that he was not a man of their choice.

That your Petitioners conceive that where there is a disaffection in some, and an impossibility of attendance of others, the great and important designs of publick instructions in Morality and piety are frustrated.

That your Petitioners being of the Opinion that Amherst might well spare them, there being three hundred rateable Polls that are now Taxed to their present Minister, and where a sufficient number to support a Minister desire to be sett off from so large a number as there are in Amherst, no reasonable objection can be offered against their request being granted, provided they leave as large a number to support a minister in the former Parish, especially if the Petitioners have lately assisted in erecting an elegant house for Publick Worship in the Parish they desire to leave, and have paid their proportion—by constraint—toward the settling of a minister there.

Your Petitioners did, sometime in the month of March, A. D. 1781, Petition the Honorable the general Court to be severed from the society that attended the Publick Worship in Amherst meeting-house, to be set off as a distinct parish, and the Honorable Court granted us a day of hearing, but through inattention the Town of Amherst was not served with a copy of the Petition and order of Court thereon, and of course we could not have a hearing. Therefore, your Petitioners pray your Honours to take our case under your wise consideration, that we, your Petitioners, may have leave to bring in a Bill severing us from the Society that attend the Publick Worship in the present Meeting-house in Amherst, and discharging us from any

future taxes for the erecting or repairing a meeting-house in that Parish, or for the support of their present or future minister, & erecting<sup>g</sup> us into a Distinct Pole Parish, with power to levy, assess, and collect taxes for the Building a house for the Publick Worship of GOD, for the settlement and support of a minister of the Gospel, and granting to us all other Parochial powers, privileges, and immunities proper for Pole Parishes. And also directing that the present inhabitants of Amherst that are, or may be, desirous of Joining in Publick Worship with us within the term one year from our incorporation shall enter their names and such desire with the Clerk of the said Parish, and shall also produce to the town-clerk a certificate thereof, and enter the same with him. Those that shall hereafter inhabit said Town, that shall within the term of one year after they become inhabitants shall enter their names and their desire of joining with us in Publick Worship to the Clerk of the Parish, and shall produce to the town-clerk a certificate thereof, and enter the same with him; and also all those that are, or may be minors, that shall, within the term of one year after they shall come of age, residing in said Amherst, enter their names and their desire of joining with us in Public Worship with the Parish Clerk, producing a certificate thereof to the town-clerk, and enter the same with him, shall be deemed and taken to belong to the pole Parish incorporated by this Act, and rated there to all Parochial charges accordingly, and be exempted from any other Parochial charges whatsoever, during their residence in said Amherst. Or to grant us relief in such other way as your Honors shall think proper. And your Petitioners, as in duty bound, shall ever pray.

AMHERST, Feb'y ye 25th, 1782."

Signed by Isaac Abbot and fifty-six others.

9 September, 1782, the town of Amherst appointed Maj. Joseph Blanchard, Mr. Samuel Dana, and Samuel Wilkins, Esq., a committee to show cause why the prayers of the petition of a number of the inhabitants of the south-westerly part of this town to be set off as a poll parish should not be granted; however, their efforts availed but little, for, by an act of the legislature, passed 23 November, 1782,

Darius Abbot,  
Isaac Abbot,  
Ebenezer Averill,  
Elijah Averill,

Moses Averill,  
Andrew Bradford,  
John Bradford,  
Augustus Blanchard,

David Burnham,	Thaddeus Grimes,
Israel Burnham,	William Grimes,
Joshua Burnham,	Benjamin Hopkins, jr.,
Stephen Burnham,	Benjamin Hopkins, 3d,
George Burns,	Ebenezer Hopkins,
John Burns,	Samuel How,
Thomas Burns,	Abner Hutchinson,
Henry Codman,	Bartholomew Hutchinson,
Benjamin Conant,	Benjamin Hutchinson,
Josiah Crosby,	Elisha Hutchinson,
Josiah Crosby, jr.,	Jonathan Hutchinson,
Sampson Crosby,	Nathan Hutchinson,
Stephen Crosby,	Nathan Hutchinson, jr.,
William Crosby,	William Melendy,
Samuel Dodge,	William Peabody,
James Gilman,	Bartholomew Towne,
Arthur Graham,	Jonathan Towne,
Samuel Graham,	John Wallace, and
John Grimes,	William Wallace,
Jonathan Grimes,	

were constituted the Third, or South-west. parish of Amherst, "for transacting ministerial affairs only."

The first parish meeting under this act was held at the house of Thaddeus Grimes, 9 January, 1783. At this meeting Capt. Nathan Hutchinson was chosen moderator; Augustus Blanchard, clerk; and Augustus Blanchard, Lieut. Thomas Burns, and Capt. John Bradford, assessors.

"Voted, to build a meeting-house of the same size and bigness the north-west parish hath built, except the porches."

"Voted, a committee to consist of three men: viz., Lieut. Darius Abbot, Capt. Josiah Crosby, and Capt. Andrew Bradford, to provide timber, boards, and shingles, for the same, and to let the same out at public vendue to the lowest bidder."

4 March. 1783. "Voted, to raise £95, to be laid out in purchasing timber, boards, shingles, slit work, and other materials for building a meeting-house."



Voted to hire fifteen pounds to pay for preaching the current year. Capt. Nathan Hutchinson, Lieut. Thomas Burns, and Capt. John Bradford, were appointed a committee to procure preaching.

Later in the same year it was voted that the meeting-house should stand on a rise of ground about twenty rods south of Shepard's bridge; and at another meeting, held the same year, Capt. Nathan Hutchinson, John Wallace, and John Burns, were chosen a committee to procure stone for underpinning the house; and Joshua Burnham was authorized to purchase a "parish book."

2 March, 1784, it was voted to proceed with the meeting-house, and to begin to frame it the first Monday in June, and raise it as soon as possible. Capt. Nathan Hutchinson, Capt. Josiah Crosby, and Capt. Andrew Bradford, were appointed a committee to see that the meeting-house was framed, underpinned, and raised.

Voted to raise twenty-five pounds to pay for preaching, and thirty pounds toward the expense of the meeting-house; that three shillings per day be allowed to each man for work on the meeting-house, the laborer to board himself, and that any person who may hereafter join the parish shall be exempt from any tax assessed to raise, board, and finish the meeting-house.

15 June, 1784, the proposed location of the house not proving satisfactory, it was voted that the house should be set on a spot about ten rods north-west from the former place, between two pitch-pine stumps; and Augustus Blanchard, Lieut. Thomas Burns, Joshua Burnham, Capt. John Bradford, and Lieut. Benjamin Hutchinson, were appointed a committee to carry on the work, and make provision for the raising, for which they were authorized to procure one barrel of rum, two barrels of cider, and one quarter of sugar.

The frame of the meeting-house was probably raised in the summer of 1784, for, 2 September, 1784, at a meeting

of the parish, it was voted to board it with square-edged boards, and shingle it, and that the boarding and shingling be let out to the lowest bidder. The sum of £40 was voted to defray the expense of further finishing the house, and a committee was appointed to wait upon Gov. Hopkins and get the nails he had offered to give. In November of the same year it was voted to provide clapboards, doorsteps, boards for the lower floor, sashes, suitable stuff for window-frames, and glass; and Capt. Nathan Hutchinson, Capt. William Peabody, and Capt. Josiah Crosby, were chosen a committee to provide them, and see that they were delivered at the house.

1 March, 1785. Voted to raise fifty pounds to be laid out on the meeting-house.

7 March, 1785. Voted to build porches to the meeting-house, and appointed a committee to see that the work was done as soon as the other outside work on the house was completed.

25 April, 1786. A committee was chosen to sell the pew ground in the meeting-house at public vendue, to the highest bidder, and give proper conveyances to the purchasers, the money arising from the sales to be laid out in finishing the house.

5 September, 1785, the laying of the lower floor was let out at public vendue to Thomas Boynton, he proposing to do it for thirty-nine shillings.

A committee was appointed at the same time to procure floor nails, see that the sills were underpinned, and that the floors were laid in a good, workmanlike manner.

25 December, 1785, provision was made for furnishing the sashes, window frames, doors, body seats, and stuff for the body seats, which was let out at public vendue to the lowest bidder. A committee was chosen to furnish all necessary materials, and see that the work was done in a good, workmanlike manner, and the whole was to be completed by the first day of the following June.

March, 1787, the porches seem not to have been built at the time specified, as we find the parish voting to adopt the plan of the Temple meeting-house porches, and building in the same form.

September, 1787, a committee was chosen to get the glass set, and the sashes put in the window-frames. £10 was voted to pay for setting the front door-steps, clearing up, and leveling the ground before the meeting-house.

1788, William Crosby deeded to the parish the land on which the meeting-house stood, and a tract of land for a burying-ground.

In the same year further provision was made for finishing the house; the pews were sold; and in the month of December the parish voted to agree with Mr. Thurston, or some other minister, to preach six months during the coming year.

March, 1789, twelve feet in the front of the gallery was appropriated for a pew for the singers, and £10 was voted to be laid out in work around the house. In October it was voted to enlarge the singers' pew, and that it be seventeen feet long and no longer.

March, 1790, it was voted to build two pews at each end of the singers' pew, in the gallery, at the expense of the parish.

27 January, 1791. A committee was appointed to treat with the First parish to have the Third parish set off and bounded by the following lines: beginning at the north-east corner of Ebenezer Averill's land, thence southerly, including Andrew and John Bradford's interest, William Peabody, the Widow Shepard, Jotham and Daniel Shepard, and John Shepard, Esquires' interest, until it comes to Souhegan river, thence by said river to Merrimack line, the Third parish to include all that part of Amherst lying south of Souhegan river.

In June of the same year a committee, consisting of Joshua Burnham, Josiah Crosby, Augustus Blanchard, and

Porter Lummus, was appointed to petition the General Court to be set off as a parish by lines, or as a town ; and £12 was voted to pay their expenses.

In June, 1792, the South-west parish was incorporated by the legislature, and its boundaries established.

In October of the same year the parish voted to sell the remaining pews at public vendue, and apply the proceeds of the sales to the painting and further finishing of the house, and at the annual meeting in March, 1793, the funds of the parish remaining in the hands of former collectors were appropriated to the same purpose; and so at last the meet-house was substantially finished. Prior to its erection, and until it was in a condition to be occupied, the parishioners held their Sunday services in Col. Shepard's barn.

The church in the South-west parish was organized by an ecclesiastical council, which met 19 November, 1788. It was the eighteenth in order of the churches organized in Hillsborough county, the church in the North-west or Second parish being the sixteenth, and the church in the First parish the third. The council on this occasion consisted of Jonathan Livermore, Abel Fiske, John Bruce, Moses Putnam, Ebenezer Rockwood, Richard Ward, Daniel Mansfield, and William Bradford.

In the proceedings of the council, the following persons are named as constituting the church :

Stephen Burnham,	Caleb Jones,
Thomas Burns,	Jonathan Jones,
Benjamin Conant,	William Melendy,
Benjamin Hutchinson,	Jonathan Towne,
Elisha Hutchinson,	John Wallace, and
Nathan Hutchinson,	Joseph Wallace ;

and attached to the covenant are the following additional names :

James Wallace,  
Hannah Bradford,  
Mary Burnham,  
Sarah Hutchinson,

Betsy Wallace,  
Letitia Wallace, and  
Mary Wallace.

The first meeting of the church, after its organization, was held at the house of William Crosby, when Elisha Hutchinson was chosen clerk. Provision was made at this meeting for the admission of new members; but for several years its growth was slow, only nineteen being present at the meeting in March, 1802, which gave Mr. Moore a call to the ministry.

#### INCORPORATION OF MILFORD.

17 August, 1793. At a parish meeting held this day, it was voted to petition the General Court to be set off as a separate town, and Augustus Blanchard, William Peabody, Thomas Burns, Joshua Burnham, and Benjamin Hutchinson were appointed a committee to treat with the committee from the Mile Slip, and others, respecting being set off.

17 October, 1793. "Voted to petition the General Court, in connection with the Mile Slip, Duxbury, and a part of Hollis, to be set off from the old town as a separate town;" and William Peabody, Augustus Blanchard, and Solomon Hopkins, were appointed a committee with full power to petition the General Court to be incorporated into a body politic, also to do every thing to fully complete the same, their proceedings to be ratified by the parish, which is to pay the expense of the same.

At the same meeting it was "voted to make application to the town of Amherst for their consent that we be set off as a separate town."

#### ACTION OF THE TOWN OF AMHERST.

An application asking the consent of the town that the South-west parish, Duxbury, the Mile Slip, and a part of

Hollis, should be incorporated as a town, having been made, the selectmen called a meeting, which was held 28 October, 1793, at which the town *voted that the prayer of the petitioners be granted, so far as this town is concerned, on condition that the petitioners pay their part and proportion of any debts now due from the town, and continue to pay their proportion of maintaining any poor to whose maintenance the town of Amherst is now subject.*

The consent of the town of Amherst having been obtained, an act was passed by the General Court on the eleventh day of January, 1794, incorporating the town of MILFORD, including in the new town the South-west parish of Amherst, the Mile Slip, Duxbury school farm, and a part of Hollis, the boundaries being as follows :

Beginning at the south-west corner of the North-west parish in Amherst, on Lyndeborough line, thence running easterly to the north-east corner of Amos Green's lot, called the Mill lot, thence southerly in a straight line to the south-west corner of the lot numbered twenty, thence easterly on the range line to the north-easterly corner of William Peabody's land, thence southerly on the range line between John Shepard, Esq.'s and William Peabody's land, until it comes to land of John Shepard, late of Amherst, deceased, thence easterly to the north-east corner of the same, joining to land of John Shepard, Esq., thence southerly by land of John Shepard, Esq., aforesaid, on the range line to Souhegan river, thence down the middle of the same till it strikes land owned by Benjamin and Stephen Kendrick, thence southerly by said Kendrick's land to the road leading from David Danforth's to the town of Wilton, thence crossing the same and running a south point to Hollis line, being near David Duncklee's land, and then to the north-east corner of the land lately laid off from said Hollis by their committee appointed for the above purpose, thence running south about twelve degrees east so as to strike the north-east corner of John Starnes's land, it being the north-west

corner of Robert Colburne's land, thence on the same course until it comes to the south-east corner of said Starnes's land, thence westerly by said Starnes's land and William Hale's land, until it comes to the north-west corner of said Hale's land, thence running westerly to the north-east corner of Mr. Gould's land, and so on westerly by said Gould's and David Danforth's land to said Gould's north-west corner, thence turning south-westerly to the south-east corner of Robert Durrick's land, thence west fifteen degrees south until it comes to Raby east line; thence northerly on Raby east line until it comes to the south line of Amherst, thence westerly on the north line of said Raby to the south-east corner of the Mile Slip, thence westerly to the south-west corner thereof, thence northerly on the east line of Mason and Wilton to the north-west corner of the Mile Slip, thence easterly on the south line of Lyndeborough to the bound first mentioned.

RESIDENT TAX-PAYERS IN MILFORD, 1 APRIL, 1794.

Isaac Abbot,	Richard Boynton, jr.,
Isaac Abbot, jr.,	Andrew Bradford,
Samuel Abbot,	John Bradford,
Jacob Adams,	Caleb Brown,
Ebenezer Averill,	Andrew Burnam,
Elijah Averill,	Joshua Burnam,
James Badger,	Stephen Burnam,
Reuel Baldwin,	Daniel Burns,
Joel Barker,	George Burns,
Nehemiah Barker,	James Burns,
Isaac Bartlett,	John Burns,
Augustus Blanchard,	John Burns, jr.,
Isaac Blanchard,	Moses Burns,
John Blanchard,	Thomas Burns,
Simon Blanchard,	Simeon Butler,
Stephen Blanchard,	Jonathan Buxton,
Widow Lucy Blanchard,	Robert Campbell,
Oliver Bowers,	Ballard Chandler,
John Boynton,	Daniel Chandler,
Richard Boynton,	Daniel Chandler, 2d,

Richard Clark,	Benjamin Hutchinson,
Benjamin Conant,	Elisha Hutchinson,
John Crosby,	Nathan Hutchinson, jr.,
Josiah Crosby,	Timothy Hutchinson,
Samson Crosby,	Daniel Johnson,
Stephen Crosby,	Caleb Jones,
William Crosby,	Jonathan Jones,
Robert Darrah,	Joshua Jones,
David Duncklee,	Joseph Knowlton,
David Duncklee, jr.,	Benjamin Lewis,
Jacob Duncklee,	Jonathan Lovejoy,
Jacob Flinn,	Samuel Lovejoy,
Edward Foster,	Porter Lummus,
Moses Foster,	Jotham Lund,
Benjamin French,	Isaac Marshall,
Asa Gilmore,	John Marvell,
Abel Gilson,	Joseph Melendy,
Asa Goodall,	Nathan Merrill,
Daniel Goodwin,	Joshua Moor,
Jonas Green,	Stearns Needham,
John Gutterson,	Benjamin Nevins,
Samuel Gutterson,	Josiah Osgood,
Samuel Gutterson, 2d,	Aaron Peabody,
Simeon Gutterson,	William Peabody,
Jonathan Hale,	Joseph Perry,
Jonathan Hale, 2d,	Daniel Person,
Samuel Hartshorn,	Ebenezer Person,
Isaac How,	Jonathan Phelps,
Stephen How,	William Powers,
Joseph Hoar,	Aaron Priest,
Joseph Hoar, jr.,	Nathaniel Rayment,
Joseph Hood,	Jacob Richardson,
Joseph Hood, jr.,	Ebenezer Sargent,
Benjamin Hopkins,	Nathaniel Seavey,
Daniel Hopkins,	Simon Shed,
John Hopkins,	Daniel Shepard,
Peter Hopkins,	John Shepard,
Solomon Hopkins,	Jotham Shepard,
William Hopkins,	Daniel Smith,
Nehemiah Howard,	John Smith,
Jeremiah Hubbard,	Isaac Southwick,
Abner Hutchinson,	Nathaniel Southwick,
Bartholomew Hutchinson,	John Stearns,



Edward Taylor,  
Widow Taylor,  
Widow Temple,  
Bartholomew Towne,  
Jonathan Towne,  
Moses Towne,  
Rebecca Upton,

James Wallace,  
John Wallace,  
Joseph Wallace,  
Widow Mary Wallace,  
John Willard,  
Benjamin Wright.

8 March, 1836. The town of Amherst appointed David Stewart agent to oppose the petition, then pending in the legislature, of Daniel Holt and others, asking to be set off from Amherst and joined to Milford. After some delay the legislature passed an act, approved 20 December, 1842, by which a tract of land, bounded as follows, was severed from Amherst and annexed to Milford: commencing at a stone monument standing on the bank of Souhegan river on the dividing line between Amherst and Milford, thence north on said dividing line 128 rods to a stone monument, thence south  $69^{\circ}$  east 165 rods to a stake and stones on land of Daniel Holt, thence south  $3^{\circ}$  east 218 rods to a white oak tree on the bank of Souhegan river, thence by said river to the bound first mentioned.

#### CHESTNUT HILLS.

The formation of a town from parts of Amherst, New Boston, Goffstown, and Bedford, was proposed prior to 1792. At the annual town meeting in March of that year, Col. Daniel Warner, Samuel Dana, Esq., Col. Robert Means, Joshua Atherton, Esq., and Mr. Daniel Campbell, were appointed to view the premises petitioned for by John Patterson and others, and report on the same.

23 May, 1792, they reported "that they had attended to that service; considered the situation of the parties with regard to the place of public worship in said town; conferred with a committee of the town of Bedford appointed for the same purpose; and received a plan of said Bedford; also were favored with the company of one gentleman from

Goffstown ; but had no plan of that town, or New Boston ; but had reason to believe that a decent town might be made on the plan of the petitioners without great injury to the towns adjoining ; but did not take upon them to judge how far it may affect any other town but Amherst."

"With regard to their centre, ability, &c. ; With regard to that part of Amherst petitioned for, we are of opinion that the petitioners have been full as modest and reasonable in their request as any petitioners who have heretofore endeavored to make dismemberments of the town ; but we understand that a number of the settlers on the most southerly range of lots petitioned for are averse to joining in the proposed new town, We think the prayer of the petition can only be granted as far as follows: viz., To begin at the south-east corner of John Stewart's lot, thence to run west on the range line to the south-east corner of Benjamin Damon's lot, thence west to the west side of lot No. 103, thence south a few rods to the range line again, and on that west to the North Parish line, and that all the inhabitants with their lands included within the line prayed for be permitted to leave Amherst and join with others mentioned in the petition in making a new town ; but until they can obtain an incorporation of a new town on or near their proposed plan, they be considered as liable to duties and entitled to privileges in Amherst in the same manner as they have been in times past.'

Which report was accepted.

This project for a division of the town failed, and, although it was renewed some years after, it has not been accomplished.

## CHAPTER VI.

SITUATION, EXTENT, AND BOUNDARIES OF THE TOWN.—DISTANCES FROM PROMINENT PLACES.—SURFACE.—ALTITUDES.—STREAMS.—PONDS.—FOREST TREES AND SHRUBS.—QUARRIES.—FISH AND GAME.—ADVENTURES OF TWO OF THE EARLY SETTLERS.—A WOLF HUNT.—REPTILES.—ATMOSPHERIC CHANGES.—INDIANS.—STORY OF JOE ENGLISH.

The town of Amherst is situated in the southerly part of the county of Hillsborough, in the State of New Hampshire, in latitude  $42^{\circ} 51'$  north. It lies on both sides of the Souhegan river, the principal part being on the northern side.

Its length from north to south, according to a survey made in 1806, is 9 miles and 170 rods. Its greatest width is about 5 miles, and its least width 2 miles and 242 rods, comprising an area of about 22,000 acres, of which about 500 are covered with water.

It is bounded on the north by Bedford and New Boston, on the east by Bedford and Merrimack, on the south by Hollis and Milford, and on the west by Milford and Mont Vernon.

Its distance from Concord is 28 miles ; from Manchester, 12 miles ; from Nashua, 10 miles ; from Portsmouth, 53 miles ; and from Washington, 484 miles.

Its surface is broken and uneven. Near the Souhegan is a strip of valuable interval land. Adjoining this, at a higher elevation, are large tracts of sandy plain land, formerly thickly covered with a growth of pitch pines. Along the water courses are considerable tracts of meadow

land. At a higher elevation, the hill-sides afford excellent grazing land, and when moderately free from rocks are well adapted to agricultural purposes, and with proper care yield an abundant reward to the husbandman. In other parts they are as hard and strong as granite can make them, and are fitted only for the production of fuel and timber.

Chestnut Hill, in the north-east part, adjoining New Boston, is the most elevated land in town. Walnut hill, in the east part of the town; Wilkins's hill, south of the village; Christian hill, in the west part of the town; and Moderator's hill, north of the village, are the principal elevations.

The altitude of the Wilton railroad at Amherst station is said to be 256 feet above mean tide water; of Amherst plain, in front of the town-house, 427 feet; and of Mont Vernon village, one of the highest points in the original township of Souhegan West, 770 feet, or 270 feet higher than the surface of Lake Winnipiseogee.

Souhegan river crosses the town, running in a south-easterly course. Beaver brook rises in the north part of Mont Vernon, runs in a southerly direction nearly the whole length of that town and passes into Amherst, where it runs in a southerly course through Holt's meadow, thence changing its course to an easterly direction it passes north and east of the village, after which it pursues a southerly course and falls into the Souhegan.

Prince's, or Babboosuck, brook runs in a south-easterly direction from Joe English's pond in the north-west part of the town, to within a few rods of Babboosuck pond, where it suddenly changes its course to the north-east. In a short time it again changes its course to a south-easterly direction, and passes into Bedford, continuing on the same course through a corner of that town, and Merrimack, it empties into the Souhegan. In its course through Amherst it receives Damon's, Stiles's, and other brooks as

tributaries, and in Bedford it receives Pulpit brook, which passes through the north-east part of Amherst into that town.

Babboosuck pond, which was wholly within the limits of Amherst, as it was originally laid out, is in the east part of the town, and is estimated to cover an area of about 380 acres. A small brook connects it with Little Babboosuck, or Weston's pond.

Joe English's pond, in the north-west part of the town, lies partly in New Boston, partly in Mont Vernon, and partly in Amherst, the larger part being in Amherst.

Damon's pond is a small pond in the north-east part of the town; and Stearns's pond, another small pond, is in the south part of the town.

Most of the varieties of forest trees and shrubs common in southern New Hampshire abound in Amherst. The mountain chestnut oak, somewhat rare in other parts of the State, grows abundantly on Wilkins's hill.

The white pine is still plenty, but the monarchs of the warm hillsides, with trunks four or five feet in diameter, extending upward a hundred or a hundred and twenty-five feet, have almost entirely disappeared. The axe and the fire have been busy in their destruction.

The smaller wild fruits are produced in abundance, and latterly hundreds of bushels of the several varieties are sent, in their season, to Boston and other cities.

Granite abounds, and, in some parts of the town, is found of a fine quality. A few ledges have been opened, where it is quarried for building purposes. Ledges of crystalized quartz occasionally occur. Limestone has been found in the north-east part of the town, and iron ore exists in small quantities. Deposits of clay are found, from which brick and earthen ware are manufactured. About a mile east of the plain is a mineral spring, the water of which is thought to be useful in the treatment of some diseases.

The ponds and brooks were once well stocked with fish, and the salmon formerly passed up the Souhegan in the

spring time. They are said to have been caught from the river at East Wilton as late as 1774. Within a few years black bass have been introduced into Babboosuck pond.

Game was plenty in the early days of the settlement, but the larger animals have long since disappeared. The black bear was frequently met with by the early settlers. Tradition has it that one of them, a young man, had built a cabin on Walnut hill, and, not deeming it good for man to be alone, had contracted a habit of crossing the township frequently to a dwelling in the vicinity of Shepard's mills. On one of these excursions he met a she bear and a couple of cubs. Not caring to receive a hug from Mistress Bruin, he, like a prudent man, left the path and walked around her, and in due time arrived safely at his journey's end, where we may suppose he received embraces of a more agreeable kind.

Wolves abounded, and were a source of some trouble to the early settlers. On one occasion a young man, from the west part of the town, who was returning from some merry-making on the plain, where he had furnished the music, found that a pack of these animals was following him. As they were coming uncomfortably near, he climbed a large rock, near the roadside, where he was out of their reach, and spent the remainder of the night. To while away the time he played on his fiddle to his yelping audience, who assembled around the rock, and remained there until daylight, when they left him to pursue his journey.

On another occasion, when they were unusually plenty and troublesome, the men and boys turned out one day *en masse* to hunt them. They finally succeeded in driving them into a small swamp, about a mile and a half north-west of the old meeting-house, which the hunters surrounded, and kept up an incessant discharge of firearms and beating of drums through the day. Some of the wolves escaped during the daytime, and the rest decamped at night and sought more quiet lodgings elsewhere.

Deer were occasionally killed, and rarely a moose. One of the latter is said to have been shot as late as 1771, on the flat near the brook north of the jail.

The birds common in this part of the country were formerly much more abundant than at present. The red-breast robin, the bluebird, and sparrow, came in the early spring-time to cheer the settlers in their labors. Later came the bobolink, the swallow, and the golden robin, with his magnificent plumage and song. Wild geese occasionally alighted in the ponds, on their semi-annual migrations, and afforded a mark for the sportsman. In seasons when the crop of nuts and acorns was abundant, the woods were filled with partridges and wild pigeons. Several dozens of the latter were often taken at a time in nets prepared for the purpose.

Many varieties of birds once common are now rarely met with, owing to their wanton destruction, and the clearing up of the forests which afforded them food and shelter.

Rattlesnakes were occasionally met with. A daughter of Mr. Abel Prince, who has recently deceased, used to relate that her father killed a large one, many years since, that used to frighten the cows as she drove them past his den to pasture on summer mornings.

Water and spotted adders, black, striped, and green snakes, are frequently seen. It seems to be the habit of these reptiles to pass the winter together in a torpid state, in caverns among the ledges, or in holes under the roots of trees. A den of this kind was discovered some years since in the easterly part of the town, from which eighteen black snakes, averaging five feet each in length, were taken; beside these three or four striped snakes were found in the den.

#### ATMOSPHERIC CHANGES.

Sudden and extreme changes in temperature occasionally occur. A change of fifty degrees is said to have taken

place in the eighteen hours preceding the morning of the memorable cold Friday, 19 January, 1810, and changes as great and sudden have since been noticed.

Probably the coldest day experienced in this State, the present century, was 24 January, 1857, when the thermometer indicated  $-37^{\circ}$ . The sky was remarkably clear, and a strong north-west wind blew all day. This extreme cold was followed, within forty-eight hours, by a rain-storm.

Other cold days noted within seventy-five years have been—1810, 19 January,  $-14^{\circ}$ ; 30 January, 1818,  $-22^{\circ}$ ; 11 February, 1818,  $-32^{\circ}$ ; 12 February, 1818,  $-26^{\circ}$ ; 1 February, 1826,  $-24^{\circ}$ ; 6 January, 1835,  $-25^{\circ}$ ; 30 January, 1854,  $-28^{\circ}$ ; 7 February, 1855,  $-28^{\circ}$ ; 18 January, 1857,  $-20^{\circ}$ ; 25 January, 1857,  $-25^{\circ}$ ; 11 January, 1859,  $-34^{\circ}$ ; 14 January, 1861,  $-25^{\circ}$ ; 8 February, 1861,  $-36^{\circ}$ ; 5, 6, and 8, February, 1863,  $-22^{\circ}$ ; 14 March, 1863,  $-23^{\circ}$ .

Some of the opposite extremes have been—30 June, 1819,  $+93^{\circ}$ ; 10, 11, 12, and 13, July, 1825, averaged  $+95^{\circ}$  at noon; 13 July, 1849,  $+100^{\circ}$ ; 25 and 26 June, 1864,  $+100^{\circ}$ ; 3 August, 1864,—the highest reported,— $+103^{\circ}$ ; 16 July, 1868,  $+102^{\circ}$ .

The average snow-fall for each of the twenty-five last winters, according to the record kept by Hon. William L. Foster, of Concord, has been about six feet and eight inches. The average rain-fall of each year has been 32.85 inches.

The greatest rain-fall within that time was on the third and fourth days of October, 1869, when  $7\frac{1}{4}$  inches of water fell, doing a vast amount of damage to highways, bridges, dams, and mills.

The greatest amount of snow at any one storm was on the 4 January, 1859, when two feet fell.

Very few Indians remained in the township when the first settlements were commenced. Those who lived here were a part of the Penacook tribe, whose head-quarters



were near the Merrimack, in the territory now occupied by the city of Concord.

Their relics are occasionally found in various parts of the town, principally in the vicinity of the larger streams and ponds, and it is said that skeletons, supposed to be those of Indians, have been washed from their graves on the banks of the Souhegan.

It is not unlikely that they resorted to the falls in the river at Merrimack and Milford, in the fishing season, for the salmon that formerly went up the river. Probably the town was frequently visited by hunting parties in quest of bears, deer, and other game. One of these hunters, belonging to another tribe, who sometimes visited the town on hunting excursions, deserves mention.

JOE ENGLISH was a grandson of Masconnomet, a chief of some note who lived at Agawam, now Ipswich, Mass. He served for the English in the war which commenced in 1689, and was taken prisoner by hostile Indians while in company with a party of whites in the north part of Dunstable, near Pennichuck brook, and carried to Canada. While in captivity he pretended to be greatly exasperated against the whites, saying they had deceived him, and he would trust them no longer.

He finally managed to make his escape, and returned to Dunstable, where he was employed as a scout.

The Indians never forgave him for deceiving them, and formed many plans to waylay and capture him.

Once, while hunting on the hill that bears his name, in New Boston, it is said he was pursued by one of the hostile Indians. Being well acquainted with the ground, he ran rapidly around the hill, the other Indian being in full pursuit. Running near a precipice, he slackened his gait, and his pursuer redoubled his exertions to reach him. At the proper place Joe stepped aside from the path, while his enemy, being unable to stop, plunged over the precipice, and was dashed to pieces.

27 July, 1706, Joe and another scout were employed to guard Lieut. Butterfield and wife, who were journeying from Dunstable to Chelmsford. They were mounted on horseback, and were preceded by Joe with his gun loaded, the other scout following in the rear.

Just after they crossed Holden's brook, in Tyngsborough, they were fired upon by a party of Indians, and Capt. Butterfield's horse was killed. The Indians rushed forward for their prey. Capt. Butterfield and the soldier escaped, but Mrs. Butterfield was captured.

As Joe was the person above all others the Indians wished to secure, they pursued him. He had gone too far from the bridge to retreat in that direction, and espying a growth of wood on the left he made for it at full speed. Perceiving that his pursuers gained on him, he stopped, turned round, and presented his musket when they fell to the ground. After taking breath, he resumed his flight, the Indians continuing in pursuit. This course he continued for some time, when one of the pursuers, thinking he would escape, fired at him and disabled the arm with which he carried his gun, which he dropped, and ran with greater speed than before. Just as he was entering the woods, another bullet entered his thigh, which brought him to the ground.

The Indians were greatly elated, and on coming up began to taunt him. Joe, well knowing the fate that awaited him, made a gesture and a reply which so provoked them that they dispatched him at once with their tomahawks.

His death was lamented as a public loss, and the General Court granted a sum of money to his widow and children, "because he had died in the service of his country."

## CHAPTER VII.

1762-1800.

## TOWN OF AMHERST.

PROHIBITION OF THE SALE OF SPIRITUOUS LIQUORS ON THE SABBATH.—FOURTH DIVISION OF LOTS AND DISSOLUTION OF THE PROPRIETY.—SUNDRY VOTES OF THE TOWN.—THE “COUNTY” BRIDGE.—THE “DARK” DAY.—TROUBLES, LOCAL AND GENERAL, AFTER THE CLOSE OF THE REVOLUTION.—PETITION TO THE GENERAL COURT, AND SIGNERS’ NAMES.—CURRENCY TROUBLES.—TROUBLE WITH LAWYERS AND SHERIFFS.—PETITION TO THE GENERAL COURT FOR RELIEF.—MEASURES OF RELIEF PROPOSED, AND ACTION OF THE TOWN.—THE MOB AT EXETER, SEPTEMBER, 1786, AND ITS SUPPRESSION BY PRESIDENT SULLIVAN.—PROVISION FOR THE ENTERTAINMENT OF THE REVEREND CLERGY ON ELECTION DAY AT CONCORD.—GENERAL WASHINGTON’S VISIT TO THE STATE.—THE GREAT FROST OF 1794.—MEETING OF THE LEGISLATURE IN AMHERST.—CHANGE IN THE TIME OF HOLDING THE ANNUAL TOWN-MEETING.—DISSENSIONS CAUSED BY PARTY POLITICS.—DESCRIPTION OF THE ANNUAL MEETING IN MARCH, 1799, BY “AMPHION.”

In calling the town-meeting held 9 March, 1761, the town was divided into two districts. The voters in that part of the town lying east of the road leading from Lyon’s bridge to the meeting-house, and onward east of the New Boston road to New Boston line, were warned by Constable Thomas Clark; those living west of that line were warned by Constable William Bradford.

At the annual meeting in 1762 the town

"Voted, To prohibit persons that have licensed houses from selling spirituous liquors on the Lord's day to the Inhabitants of this town, or to any persons that constantly attend the public worship of God in this town, and to annex a penalty of eighteen shillings new tenor for every half gill, and the same for every pint of cider sold contrary to this order, the same to be recovered by common process, with costs of prosecution."

Also voted that this vote be sent to the Court of General Sessions of the peace for their approbation.

At the annual meeting in 1765 they "voted that the surveyors keep the roads open next winter according to their discretion." To aid in doing this they were to be entitled to the same help they had in summer.

19 August, 1765, William Peabody and John Shepard stated, in a petition to the General Court, that Joshua Hicks, Esq., of Salem, was for many years treasurer of the proprietors of Souhegan West, and that many of the proprietors had neglected to pay the assessments ordered upon their lots; that Major Hicks advanced money on his own account to defray the expenses of the propriety, whereby the proprietors were indebted to him to the amount of about four hundred pounds, Massachusetts currency; that he died some four years since, and they were anxious to pay the heirs of the estate the balance justly due them; wherefore they asked leave to sell the lands of the delinquent proprietors to enable them so to do.

Leave was granted 4 June, 1766.

The selectmen were this year instructed to procure a set of weights and measures for the use of the town.

#### SHIRE TOWN.

14 March, 1768, the town

"Voted to allow those persons in town that exerted themselves last fall, in order to have Amherst made a shire town, four pounds, thirteen shillings, and four pence lawful money."

12 December, 1769. A number of the citizens having asked leave to build and have seats on the beams of the meeting-house, the town granted their request.

FOURTH DIVISION OF LOTS ; DISSOLUTION OF THE PROPRIETY.

15 October, 1770, William Peabody, Solomon Hutchinson, and Daniel Campbell, were appointed a committee to lay out the common lands in the township.

A record of this, the fourth division of lots among the proprietors, in the hand-writing of Daniel Campbell, Esq., is preserved in the proprietors' book of records, and the propriety seems to have been dissolved shortly after.

£120 lawful money was appropriated for the repairs of highways at the annual meeting in March, 1772, and it was voted that the work on the highways should be done between the twentieth day of May and the last of September. Two shillings and eight pence was allowed for a full day's work of a man, one shilling and four pence a day for a yoke of oxen, and eight pence a day for the use of a cart.

22 June, 1774, the town voted that Deacon Baldwin erect a post near the meeting-house, with a box having a glass face, in which the warrants for town-meetings shall be placed by the officers calling the same. Also, "voted that the warrants exposed to view in the box by the constable on all the public days between the date of the warrant and day of meeting shall be sufficient warning for the inhabitants of Amherst."

18 September, 1776. The committee of safety was authorized by the legislature to take care of sundry perishable articles belonging to the estate of Zaccheus Cutler, Esq., a refugee.

31 March, 1777. The town voted to remit the poll tax of those persons who served as soldiers in the Continental army the whole of last year.

10 June, 1777. Voted, in case there should be an immediate call for men to serve in the Continental army, to allow

those who are disposed to enlist the same encouragement that has heretofore been paid, and to assess the amount necessary for its payment upon the polls and estates of the inhabitants of the town. Capt. Stephen Peabody, Capt. Hezekiah Lovejoy, and Mr. Solomon Kittredge, were appointed a committee to procure soldiers on the terms mentioned above.

Col. Nahum Baldwin, Mr. Stephen Burnam, Mr. William Wallace, Mr. Andrew Bradford, and Mr. Timothy Smith, were chosen a committee to affix and settle prices upon sundry articles.

The Mile Slip had only a partial town organization, and its inhabitants were a law to themselves. Hence it became a sort of Texas, to which the fathers sometimes resorted in times of trouble. A bridge across the Souhegan, within its limits, became necessary to accommodate the travel between Amherst and Wilton, and as no town was liable by law to build and support it, an act was passed by the General Court, 2 April, 1779, "to oblige the county of Hillsborough to build and maintain a bridge across the Souhegan river in the Mile Slip, so called." This was the origin of the "County" bridge now in Milford.

#### THE DARK DAY OF 1780.

The famous "dark day" occurred 19 May, 1780. The morning was ushered in by a very dark cloud hanging over the west and north-west, attended with thunder. The wind from the south-west brought over a number of clouds from that quarter.

The darkness began about nine o'clock in the morning, and at twelve o'clock it was as dark as evening. Candles were lighted; domestic fowls repaired to their roosts; night birds appeared; and the cattle gathered about the barns. Objects could be discerned at a small distance only. The clouds put on a strange, brassy, copper color.

The darkness abated at about twelve, and at three o'clock in the afternoon it was no darker than on an ordinary cloudy day.

Though the moon full'd the day before, the darkness returned at night, and soon became total, and continued until about midnight. Its whole duration was about fourteen hours. It extended all over the New England States and westward as far as Albany. To the southward it was observed all along the sea-coast, and to the north as far as settlements had been made. Many of the people were very much frightened, and thought the day of judgment was at hand. The darkness was supposed to have been occasioned by the smoke from numerous fires at the westward, combined with a thick fog from the sea.

The winter of 1780-81 is said to have been the coldest that had been experienced in New England for forty years. From about the 15th of February to the 15th of March the snow did not melt on the south sides of buildings in sheltered situations, and on the 24th of April the heavy timbers used in the frame of the North-west parish meeting-house were drawn on the snow crust over fences and rocks.

The dissensions between the different sections of the town, commencing with the building of the second meeting-house, 1771-74, and aggravated by the settlement of Mr. Barnard, in 1780, were not healed by the division of the town into parishes, as is shown by the following petition sent to the General Court by citizens of the First parish, in February, 1783, which sets forth the unhappy state of affairs in town at that time.

#### STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE.

##### HILLSBOROUGH SS.

To the Honorable the Gentlemen of the Council and the Honorable the Gentlemen of the House of Representatives, in General Court assembled.

The Petition of sundry Persons, Inhabitants of the Old Parish in Amherst, whose names are hereunto subscribed, humbly sheweth :

That, at the session of the general Court held at Exeter, in May, Anno Domini 1781, sundry persons, whose names are given, obtained an act discharging them from that time, the Polls of their respective families & Estates from any future support of the Gospel ministry and other expense attending public worship at Mr. Barnard's meeting-house, as particularly mentioned in said Act, and erecting them into a distinct Parish, with incidental powers, still leaving the said Parishioners to act with the remaining part of the town of Amherst in all other matters proper to such a corporate body.

And Whereas the disuniting a body corporate in some things most commonly does, and probably always will, while human nature remains the same, disunite them in other matters, and such a particular disunion is but little else but to set them at perpetual variance and discord, a most unhappy situation, which the unfortunate sufferers lament in vain. While such particular laws, perhaps too little adapted to the general good, made to gratify a minority, on the spur of present heat and opposition, always against the great rule *that the majority must govern*, chain each struggling Party to the unrelenting enemy of human happiness, CONTENTION.

And it is the misfortune of these partial separations that they do not redress, but increase, the evils they are intended to remedy.

This we find to be our unhappy case in common with all those Towns where such divisions have been encouraged by law. Instances would be burthensome to your honors.

Your petitioners do not presume in this instance to counteract what the legislative body have thought proper to pass into a law; but their unhappy situation compels them to such redress in your power and wisdom, and thereby extricate themselves from the bondage of continual discord, party factions, and those little uneasy arts which are but too easily practiced by disunited spirits.

Those separate interests, so established by *Law* in this place, make our town-meetings scenes of confusion, irregularity, and vexation. Permit us to part with one of them, and to ask your Honors that the persons above named, who have chosen to be separated in part, may be separated from us wholly. We, therefore, your petitioners, do humbly pray that your honors would cause it to be enacted that the Polls and Estates aforesaid, so set off in ministerial matters, may be wholly separated from us in all matters whatsoever. Your Honors have ample power to confer on them any privileges necessary for their welfare, *unconnected with us*, and we do not wish to retain them to our *mutual vexation*. Nothing herein to alter the present method of paying Rev. Mr. Wilkins's salary.



And we hereby do empower Messrs. Daniel Campbell, Samuel Wilkins, Thomas Wakefield, and Ebenezer Weston, or any two of them, to prefer this Petition to the General Court and to carry the same into effect, with full power to appoint one or more agents on our behalf for the same purpose.

All which is humbly submitted by your Petitioners, who, as in Duty bound, will ever pray.

AMHERST, Feb'y ye 24th, 1783.

Signed by

Joshua Atherton,  
Nahum Baldwin,  
Ephraim Barker,  
Moses Barron,  
Ebenezer Batchelder,  
John Batchelder,  
Aaron Boutell,  
Amos Boutell,  
Joseph Boutell,  
Joseph Boutell, jr.,  
Kendal Boutell,  
Enos Bradford,  
William Bradford,  
Daniel Campbell,  
Benjamin Clark,  
Benjamin Clark, jr.,  
Joseph Coggin,  
Joseph Coggin, jr.,  
Eleazer Cole,  
Jacob Curtice,  
Samuel Dana,  
William Dana,  
Andrew Davis,  
Benjamin Davis,  
Bartholomew Dodge,  
John Eaton,  
Ebenezer Ellinwood,  
Jedediah Ellinwood,  
Ralph Ellinwood,  
Rolandson Ellinwood,  
Francis Elliott,  
Elisha Felton,  
William Fisk,

Amos Flint,  
Amos Flint, jr.,  
Nathan Fuller,  
James Hartshorn,  
John Hartshorn,  
John Hartshorn, jr.,  
Timothy Hartshorn,  
William Hartshorn,  
Samuel Henry,  
Timothy Hill,  
David Hildreth,  
Jeremiah Hobson,  
Ebenezer Holt,  
Reuben Holt,  
William Howard,  
Isaac Jaquith,  
Joseph Jewett,  
Timothy Jones,  
Joshua Kendall,  
Nathan Kendall,  
Nathan Kendall, jr.,  
Stephen Kendrick,  
Henry Kimball,  
Moses Kimball,  
Moses Kimball, jr.,  
Jonathan Lampson, jr.,  
Francis Lovejoy,  
Hezekiah Lovejoy,  
Jacob Lovejoy,  
John Lovejoy,  
Edward Lyon,  
James McKean,  
Robert Means,

Benjamin Merrill,  
Reuben Mussey,  
Reuben D. Mussey,  
Aaron Nichols,  
Timothy Nichols, jr.,  
William Odall,  
William Odall, jr.,  
Joshua Pettingill,  
Nathan Phelps,  
Benjamin Pike,  
Benjamin Pike, jr.,  
Abel Prince,  
Joseph Prince,  
Robert Read,  
John Roby,  
Joseph Rollings,  
John Seaton,  
Samuel Seaton,  
Andrew Shannon,  
Joseph Small,  
William Small,  
Jacob Stanley,  
Samuel Stanley,  
Daniel Stevens,  
Thomas Stevens,  
David Stewart,  
John Stewart,

William Stewart,  
Samuel Stearns,  
Samuel Taylor,  
Jonathan Taylor,  
William Taylor,  
Israel Towne,  
John Tuck,  
Amos Truel,  
John Twiss,  
Samuel Twiss,  
Phinehas Upham,  
Thomas Wakefield,  
William Walker,  
William Walton,  
Stephen Washer,  
Ebenezer Weston,  
Ebenezer Weston, jr.,  
Thomas Weston,  
Aaron Wilkins,  
Andrew Wilkins,  
Benjamin Wilkins,  
Benjamin Wilkins, jr.,  
Benjamin Wilkins, 3d,  
Samuel Wilkins,  
David Williams,  
Thomas Woolson.

No action seems to have been taken by the legislature on this petition, and the desired relief was not obtained for some years.

While the citizens of the town were divided into factions, and their meetings were scenes of discord and confusion, the country at large was in an equally unsatisfactory condition.

A period of distress and depression was then prevailing, greater than had been experienced during the sharpest crises of the struggle for independence.

The government was weak and inefficient; money was scarce; the country and the people were heavily in debt; and credit, public and private, was well nigh destroyed.

Complaints were made of the attorneys and officers of the law, that they sought to advance their own selfish interests to the ruin of their fellow-citizens; and the people, indignant at such a course, assembled in some instances to prevent the sessions of the courts.

An assemblage of this kind took place in Keene in the month of October, 1782, which was frustrated in part in its designs by the address of Attorney-General Sullivan.

In the midst of these troubles the following petition, from citizens of Amherst and others, was presented to the legislature at its session in February, 1783.

To the Honorable Council and House of Representatives of the State of New Hampshire, in General Court assembled, at Exeter, on the second Wednesday of February, 1783.

The prayer of your humble petitioners, inhabitants of the town of Amherst, and others, in the County of Hillsborough, hereby sheweth :

That your petitioners have beheld, and do still behold, with great concern and resentment the numerous needless lawsuits that have commenced the year past, and that are still commencing and carrying on in this State, and more especially in this County, purely for private debts, it being a time of great scarcity, not only of the necessaries of life, but also of the silver currency in this State, when all the money that can be found in this state is scarcely sufficient to pay our public taxes and procure the absolute necessaries of life;—

Therefore private debts cannot be suddenly paid in money, without great neglect of public debts and damage to the public cause.

Neither are private debts often to be recovered at this day by suing, for all the money that can be procured is little enough to satisfy attorneys and under sheriffs (which your petitioners think are too numerous in this County), so that the Creditors often take notes for their dues after the debts are sued, and leave said notes in the hands of their Attorneys, where their debtors are quickly exposed to pay the same, or a greater cost, over again, for as though the cost of suing in the County where both debtor and Creditor reside is too little, the practice is begun of suing in another County, where neither debtor or creditor reside, which augments the cost, and is a practice which your petitioners view as very unjust and unreasonable in common cases.

Your petitioners are of opinion that if this extraordinary suing be not seasonably prevented, it will have a very bad effect on our public

affairs, as it hath a tendency to disunite, imbitter, and alienate the affections of the good Subjects of the State from each other, in a time when peace, harmony, and congruity, are very needful, yea, the greater part of our human strength.

This excessive suing, if not prevented, will fill our gaols with honest laborious husbandmen and mechanics, and therefore leave our soil in a measure uncultivated, and our manufactories damaged. It will starve our army in the field, and our civil and ecclesiastical officers at home. It will starve the poor and needy, and greatly debilitate the wealthy. It will greatly encourage and embolden our external and internal enemies, but discourage our sincere but injured friends. It will build up lawyers and sheriffs only, and that upon the ruin and destruction of their fellow-men.

Therefore it appears needful to your petitioners that something Constitutional be speedily done, in order to prevent this increasing calamity; otherwise we may expect that something will be done unconstitutionally, the dangerous tendency and consequence of which your petitioners would greatly deprecate.

Therefore, for the above reasons, your petitioners hereby pray that this Honorable Court would take the above case into their most serious consideration, and, by a wise and prudent act, prevent this extraordinary cost of lawsuits, and establish some more reasonable way for the recovery of private debts in this time of public calamity by making such lands, goods, chattels, lumber, &c., as the debtor is possessed of, to be a lawful tender for debts at such prices as shall be set upon such goods, &c., by faithful men chosen for that purpose, or such men as the debtor and creditor shall choose themselves, which may be done with little cost and without the cost of any lawsuit.

However, your petitioners submit the particular method of procedure in this matter to the wisdom and prudence of this Honorable Court, trusting, as you rule for GOD, and are interested in the common welfare and happiness of your Country, and are touched with a fellow feeling for the calamities of the meanest of your subjects, that you are able and willing to point out and establish a method far superior to any pointed out by your petitioners, both for the redress of grievances and for the safety of this State, in patient expectation of which, your petitioners, as in duty bound, shall ever pray.

Signed by Robert Parker, Joshua Lovejoy, Lieut. John Patterson, James Woodbury, John Bradford, Richard Ward, and forty-four others."

As a measure of relief, the legislature, early in 1785, passed an act making property of most kinds a tender, at

an appraised value, for the payment of debts ; but the effect of the law, contrary to the design of its makers, was to render specie still more scarce ; and, as creditors were unwilling to receive property for their claims which they could not turn into cash, their demands remained unpaid.

Conventions were held in several towns and in most of the counties of the State for the purpose of devising some means of deliverance from the troubles in which the people were involved.

One of these was held at Goffstown in the month of May, 1786, to which Col. Daniel Warner was chosen a delegate, at a town meeting held on the third of that month ; but no record appears of any report made by him of its proceedings.

Among the measures proposed for the relief of the people at this time were the abolition of the Court of Common Pleas and the establishment of town courts in its place, and that not more than two lawyers should be allowed in any county.

Also, that a large amount of State notes should be issued, which should be a legal tender for the payment of all debts. No provision, however, for their redemption seems to have been thought of.

The legislature formed a plan for the issuing of £50,000 in paper money, to be let out at four per cent. interest on land security, redeemable at some future period, which was to be a tender for taxes for the internal support of the State, and for fees and salaries of the officers of the government. This plan was sent, September, 1786, to the several towns to collect their minds upon the subject.

In this town the project was laid before the people at a meeting held on the fifteenth day of November, 1786, when, after discussion, they voted not to sanction it, and “ voted unanimously not to propose any alterations in said plan.”

On the twentieth day of September, 1786, an armed force of some hundreds of men assembled at Exeter, and sent in a petition to the General Court, then in session at that

place, asking for a redress of grievances, and declaring their intention, if their petition was not granted, of doing themselves justice. They surrounded the house in which the Court was in session, and placing sentries at the doors demanded an immediate answer.

The House of Representatives appointed a committee, to be joined by one from the Senate, to take the matter into consideration; but the Senate refused, unanimously, to concur in this action, and the two houses met in convention. President Sullivan, who was ex-officio a member of the Senate, addressed the convention and such of the petitioners as chose to be present, and presented the reasons which influenced the Senate in non-concurring with the action of the House.

He spoke of the petition, and showed its extreme folly and great injustice, and concluded by saying that if the voice of the whole State was for it, the legislature ought not to grant it while they were surrounded by an armed force. To do it would be to betray the rights of the people they had sworn to maintain, and he declared that no consideration of personal safety should ever compel him to so flagrant a violation of the constitutional rights of those who had placed him in the executive chair.

The president and the members of the legislature were held as prisoners until after dark by the mob, when some of the citizens of the town devised means for their release. On recovering his liberty the president called out a detachment of the State militia to assist in restoring order. His call was responded to promptly, and before night of the next day the mob was entirely dispersed. Many of the leaders were arrested, and some were bound over for trial at a court to be holden some months later; but on the assembling of the court they were discharged without further action, and the affair ended without fighting or bloodshed, thanks to the prudence and firmness of President Sullivan.

The financial troubles, however, continued for some years, but were finally closed by the establishment of the Federal government, and the reëstablishment of the industry and commerce of the country.

#### THE REVEREND CLERGY.

Ample provision was made for the reverend clergy at the public festivals in these times, as the following extract from the Council records of the State will show :

"7 June, 1786. The Council advised that a dinner be prepared at the public expense for the Gentlemen of the Clergy who may think proper to attend the election, and that the President, Council, Speaker of the House, and such members of the two branches as they shall think proper, dine in Company with the Clergy, the expense of which is to be defrayed as the two branches may think proper to order.

Mr. Hannaford, the innkeeper at Concord, was accordingly directed to prepare a dinner for fifty persons the Thursday following."

Gen. Washington visited the State in November, 1789, and at a meeting of the President and Council, at Portsmouth, 31 October, the President requested the advice of Council whether it would be advisable to provide an entertainment at the public expense for the President of the United States, "To which the Council did advise and consent."

Hon. Joshua Atherton, having been elected senator, resigned the office of representative, to which he was elected in March, and the town, at a meeting held 27 August, 1792, voted not to fill the vacancy made by his resignation.

#### THE GREAT FROST OF 1794.

The spring of 1794 was one of the most forward ever known. On the seventeenth day of May winter rye on burnt ground was in bloom, and apples were as large as ounce balls. On the night following that day there was one of the most destructive frosts ever experienced, which

was spoken of for years as the "great white frost." The rye was killed to the ground, and the apples destroyed, except where they were covered or protected by artificial heat. Mr. Barnard, the minister, had a fine orchard of young trees, on which the fruit had formed, which he saved by keeping fires of brush and logs burning in the orchard through the night. In other instances the fruit was saved by smoke from chimneys near by being driven among the branches of the trees through the night. Mr. Price, of Boscawen, in writing of the frost, says the winter grain and apples were destroyed. The canker worms, which had infested the apple trees for years, and had become exceedingly troublesome, were also destroyed. In that case the loss was not without some equivalent.

The June session of the legislature was held in this town in 1794, and Gov. Gilman here took the oath of office as governor, for the first time.

Ample provision seems to have been made by the citizens for the *entertainment* of the honorable members, as no less than twenty-two taverners' and retailers' licenses were granted by the selectmen that year, previous to the session of the Court.

This was the first and only session of the General Court held in Amherst.

At the annual meeting in March, 1795, the town "voted to apply to the General Court to alter the time of holding the annual meeting from the second to the first Monday of March, and that Col. Warner be a committee to prefer the above vote to the Court."

In compliance with this vote the legislature passed the following act, which received the approval of Gov. Gilman, 16 June, 1795 :

"AN ACT for altering the time of holding the Annual Meeting in the town of AMHERST.



The Inhabitants of the town of Amherst having petitioned for an alteration of their Annual Meeting from the second Monday of March to the first Monday of the same month,


Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives, in General Court convened, that the Annual Meeting of the inhabitants of the said town of Amherst forever hereafter shall be held on the first Monday of March, any law, custom, or usage, heretofore to the contrary notwithstanding."

"Forever," in the act above, proved to mean about ten years, as the time was again changed to the second Tuesday in March, in that time.

The first stage coach ever seen in Nashua passed through that place in 1795 on its way from Boston to Amherst.

Party politics have been the occasion of much hard talk in Amherst as in other New Hampshire towns. Its citizens were plain-spoken people, having ideas of their own, and in their expression a good deal of heat has sometimes been evolved. Their disputes, however, generally ended in words which were soon forgotten, or remembered to be ashamed of or laughed at. The leading loyalist in town at the commencement of the Revolution, though sadly tormented for a time, was received into favor, and, long before the close of the war, entrusted with important offices, which he filled to the satisfaction of the people. The establishment of the Federal constitution—the ratification of which he opposed in the convention of which he was a member, acting under the instructions of the town and from his own convictions—divided the people into parties, and the division became more marked after the breaking out of the French Revolution, hailed with all its terrible crimes by one party as the triumph of the people, and dreaded by the other as the precursor of the destruction of all government among men.

The measures the general government thought proper to pursue in its intercourse with the European powers, the ratification of Jay's treaty with Great Britain during the



administration of President Washington, the passage of the Alien and Sedition Law and the land tax law passed during the administration of the elder Adams, intensified the divisions among the people, and at the annual meeting in March, 1799, the selectmen were constituted a committee to draft a petition to Congress asking for a repeal of the Alien and Sedition Law, and of the mode adopted for assessing and collecting the land tax.

The selectmen declining the appointment, Maj. William Bradford, Ensign William Low, and Eli Wilkins, Esq., were chosen to act as the committee, who accepted the appointment, and, at an adjourned meeting, on the Tuesday following, presented a report which was read and accepted by the town. The people in the north-west part of the town were almost unanimously in favor of the acceptance of the report, which fact will explain some parts of the following description of the meeting, which made its appearance in the *Village Messenger* of 9 March, 1799, which is inserted to show the feeling prevalent at that time.

EXTRACT FROM A TOWN MEETING,

OR A TOUCH OF THE TIMES AT A \* \* \* \* T.

March comes, the first-born child of Spring;  
The bells for annual meeting ring;  
Joy smiles in every patriot's face,  
And A \* \* \* \* t dreams not of disgrace!  
Forth from the North in crowds come down  
Old age, on crutch, and youth, half grown;  
Old age, whose one foot in the grave is,  
Whose other to the gout a slave is;  
And youth, not yet arrived at freedom,  
Who need their nurses still to lead 'em;  
All, all came down, a motley nation,—  
As tho' "in hell there were vacation,"—  
Burning with Jacobinic zeal  
To overturn the public weal.  
Before them stalked a man of stature,  
Designed a Jacobin by nature,

Whose mind and mien strong traces bore  
 Of that *great Jacobin* of yore,  
 Who, for *Sedition*, forth was driven,  
 Eternal from the gates of heaven.  
 Despising peace and lawful labors,  
 He sows sedition 'mong his neighbors;  
 Tells them that government are knaves,  
 That they, poor souls, will soon be slaves,  
 And those that rule them soon will stand  
 The *lords* and *sovereigns* of the land.  
 To church he goes, but not for preaching;  
 He gives his precious time to teaching  
 That those that dare not *tell a lie*  
 Have surely lost their liberty.  
 He at his heels the rabble brought,  
 Who long beneath his eye were taught  
 To banish order, stir up evil,  
 And serve their lord and master, Devil.

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At length the cause of all their ills,  
 The Alien and Sedition bills,  
 The tax direct on lands and houses,  
 Which every foe to peace arouses,  
 Comes publickly to be discussed,  
 By friend and foe, by blest and cursed.  
 A solemn pause—debates proceeded  
 As though the *Jacos* some man needed—  
 Some natural son of base sedition,  
 To rise and speak for their petition.  
 Their chief arose —“Tis strange,” he cries,  
 “Since freedom is our blood-earned prize,  
 That we, like slaves, should be debarred  
 The use of speech—indeed, that’s hard.  
 No more shall scandal charm our souls,  
 Since government our tongues controls.  
 Aliens no more with monied reasons  
 Shall stir up faction, death, and treasons;  
 But under harrows, saws, and axes,  
 We be compelled to pay our taxes,  
 Support our Congress men in style,  
 By cruel, unrewarded toil,  
 Till we, at last, O dreadful thought!

Beneath these tyrants shall be brought,  
 And see in tears the fatal day  
 When we to tyrant laws gave way.  
 Beware, my friends, 't is our condition !  
 O curse the law against sedition !  
 O curse the Pres—— ! no, no, I fear  
 Some friend to government may hear,  
 And I, like friend and brother *Lyon*,\*  
 Be tried, and feel the power of *iron*.  
 O Liberty ! 't is but a name,  
 When we no longer can defame ! ”

Reasons were offered when he ended,  
 And government and laws defended ;  
 But sense and reason all are vain,  
 When faction rules the heated brain,  
 For ignorance, deceived by lies,  
 All human argument defies.

The question put, the chief uprose,  
 Surveyed his friends, surveyed his foes.  
 His *minion* friends united stand,  
 Instructed by his factious hand.  
 Their chief they watch, his actions view,  
 And when he votes, why, they vote too.

Such are Columbia's servile foes,  
 Led on, like asses, by the nose,  
 Seduced from order by a villain,  
 Whose honor is not worth a shilling,  
 Who, worse than *Judas* and such gents,  
 Would *sell* our State for *thirty cents*.

O ! would he ape that child of hell,  
 In all his actions, 't would be well ;  
 His neck, too, then, a rope would grace.  
 And he depart to his own place.

AMPHION.

\* Matthew Lyon, at that time a Republican member of the national House of Representatives. A motion to expel him from the house, for sedition, had just failed.

At a meeting held 20 May, 1799, the town moved in a matter that was not accomplished until 1846,—and then only in part,—by voting to instruct their representative in

the General Court to use his utmost endeavors to obtain the passage of an act by the legislature to divide the State into districts for the choice of Federal representatives and electors.

A committee appointed to give the representative some further instructions reported that he be instructed to use his influence in the General Court to induce that body to recommend to Congress the repeal of the land tax law as it stands at present and give the states liberty to assess and collect taxes for the support of government in the usual way.

## CHAPTER VIII.

1800—1840.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE TOWN, AND CURRENT  
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CULTURE.—"WHIG" MEETINGS AT AMHERST, 1840.

Services in commemoration of President Washington  
were held in Amherst 22 February, 1800, in which the  
citizens of Amherst and Milford, and the members of Benev-  
olent Lodge, No. 7, participated.

A procession was formed, which marched across the common to the meeting-house, where an eloquent oration was pronounced by Charles H. Atherton.

Daniel Campbell, jr., acted as marshal of the school children, who made a fine appearance.

1 March, 1801. Quite a smart shock of an earthquake was felt in this and the neighboring towns. It was also noticed in Massachusetts and Maine.

#### GREAT SOLAR ECLIPSE, 1806.

The only total eclipse of the sun visible in New England in the nineteenth century occurred on the sixteenth day of June, 1806, between the hours of ten A. M. and one P. M. The whole duration of the eclipse was three hours and nine minutes, and the duration of the total eclipse two minutes and twenty-seven seconds. The day was clear, and hardly a breath of air stirred the leaves. At the time of the total eclipse the planets Mars, Venus and Mercury, were visible, also, Sirius, Procyon, and the large stars in Orion and Ursa Major. The bees returned to their hives; the fowls went to their roosts; and the cattle in the pastures ceased grazing, and gazed around with a wild stare. The darkness was so great that objects could be seen only at a short distance. The thermometer, which at the beginning of the eclipse stood 66°, fell to 60°, and dew fell sufficient to wet one's shoes in passing through the grass.

In the spring of 1807 several animals in the vicinity of this town were bitten by mad dogs, which were killed by their owners, or died after exhibiting every appearance of madness.

A union celebration of the Declaration of Independence took place 4 July, 1807. A procession was formed at Whitney's tavern, which marched to the "Rock" in front of the meeting-house on which Sheriff Kelley stood when he

read the Declaration in 1776, where it was again read by Charles H. Atherton, president of the day.

After this the procession returned to the tavern where an excellent dinner was served.

This is the last mention I find made of the "Rock." It stood in front of the meeting-house, a little to the east of the front door, and was used by the fathers and mothers as a "horse-block." After the use of chaises and wagons became general it was no longer required, and it was removed about 1825. Of its present location no man knoweth. Like the whipping post and pillory, it is among the things of the past.

At the annual meeting in March, 1808, the town voted to accept the provisions of an act passed by the legislature, entitled "an act for the extinguishment of fires that may be accidentally or otherwise kindled," and chose Robert Means, Esq., Capt. Daniel Prior, Charles H. Atherton, Esq., William Fisk, Esq., Daniel Weston, James Roby, Capt. Eli Brown, David Stewart, William Read, and Jonathan Shepard, firewards, in accordance with its provisions.

The spring of 1809 was remarkably backward. As late as the fourth of April the sleighing was perfectly good in the northern parts of the State.

From the *New Hampshire Patriot* we learn that at the ordination of Rev. Nathaniel Kennedy, at Litchfield, 12 April, 1809, "several pieces of music were performed by a select choir from Amherst, which evinced a return to that correct taste and love for genuine music which the editor hoped was gaining ground in this country."

#### THE COLD FRIDAY.

The "Cold Friday" of 1810 occurred on the 19th of January of that year. People were frozen to death in many places, and many houses and barns were blown down by the strong wind which prevailed all day. One who remem-



bered it said "it was difficult to stand on one's feet, the wind was so strong." Thousands of the tall trees in the forest, that had braved the storms and tempests of centuries, were blown down, and their huge trunks were in many instances left to rot on the ground where they fell. The cold, as indicated by the thermometer, was not very intense, as it ranged from  $-15^{\circ}$  to  $-20^{\circ}$ . The mercury is said to have fallen 55 degrees in twenty-four hours from Thursday to Friday noon.

4 July, 1810. The day was celebrated by the Republicans of Amherst and the adjacent towns. A procession was formed, which, after marching over the common and through several streets in the village, under the escort of Capt. Patterson's company of artillery, proceeded to the meeting-house, where prayer was offered by Rev. Humphrey Moore, of Milford. Owing to the serious illness of the wife of Hon. J. K. Smith, the orator of the day, no oration was pronounced; but an appropriate address was made by Dr. Rogers Smith, who also read the farewell address of President Washington.

In the procession was an elegant model of the frigate Constitution, from the prow of which, after the discharge of seventeen guns, Captain Brown made a short address.

Capt. Eli Brown presided at the dinner on this occasion, and gave as a toast;—

"AMHERST, the focus of Aristocracy in our County. May that aristocracy dissolve like the fog before the sun from the low ground that envelops it, and may Republicanism flourish in it like the rays of the sun on this auspicious morn."

A notice appeared in the *New Hampshire Patriot*, 4 August, 1812, "requesting the Republican citizens of the County of Hillsborough to meet at Amherst on the seventh day of August, inst., at two o'clock P. M., to take into considera-

tion the momentous subjects suggested by the present alarming situation of our national concerns, and to adopt such resolutions as the great occasion may be thought to require." It was expected there would be a large meeting, and the more remote towns in the county were requested to send delegates.

The Federalists took advantage of the notice, and, by an understanding among themselves, assembled at the time and place in considerable numbers, organized a meeting, at which speeches were made and resolutions were passed to suit themselves.

The Republicans finding themselves outnumbered, met at Emerson's hall; chose Gen. Benjamin Pierce, chairman, and John Burnham, secretary; and voted that it was expedient to hold a convention at the town-hall in Weare, on the third Tuesday of September following, to which the Republicans in all the towns in the county were invited to send delegates.

At the appointed time delegates from all the towns in the county to the number of 150, attended by 1,500 other citizens, assembled, and gave utterance to the feelings of the Republicans of Hillsborough County.

The conduct of the Federalists at Amherst was calculated to provoke a collision, which was only avoided by the prudent course taken by the leaders of the opposite party, whose hour of triumph came with the assembling of the meeting at Weare, the largest and most enthusiastic political gathering that had ever been held in the county.

Mr. Hill, in the *Patriot*, characterized the meeting of the Federalists at Amherst "as one of the most scandalous, outrageous, and aggravating affairs" he ever witnessed.

The following speech, made by Hon. Timothy Farrar, of New Ipswich, at the meeting, shows the temper and attitude of the Federalists at that time :

*Fellow-Citizens:* We are brought together to-day from distant parts of the County by one common feeling of the importance of the crisis and for the purpose of expressing our sentiments on the present alarming state of affairs. We consider the late measures of administration as dangerous to our liberties, and tending to the destruction of that form of government and those principles which have been committed to our keeping and to which we are all sincerely attached. Many of us remember, and all of us know the high price at which those rights were purchased, and we are all disposed to defend and support them. We are those and the descendants of those who fought to establish those rights, and we all remember that the liberty of the press and the freedom of speech were then regarded among the most essential of them. We still regard them as such. We have lately seen them wantonly violated, and this induces us to consult on the means of preserving the rights which we have contributed to establish.

The declaration of war against Great Britain we consider as a law of the land, and shall obey it as such while in force. So far as we are constitutionally called upon to support this war, we shall comply. If called on to march, we shall go or send a substitute. If called on to pay, we shall pay. Beyond this our actions are voluntary, and we shall be careful not to involve ourselves in the guilt of an unjust war by any voluntary aid to carry it on; for if we think it unjust we should partake of the guilt if we go a step further than our duty calls us to do. So far as we are constitutionally called on, it is our duty to go, and so far we will support the government and the measures of government, even those that we disapprove; but we shall feel ourselves bound to do all we can lawfully do to produce a change of men and a consequent change of measures. We meet here in consequence of an invitation addressed to Republicans. We are entitled to this appellation, and have never given up our claim to it. We are those and the descendants of those who fought to defend their rights, which were finally secured to us by a Republican form of government, who know the blood and treasure they cost. We know how to estimate them, and cannot consent to give them up to any set of men who claim the exclusive privilege of this name. We claim no exclusive privileges, but we know the rights we are entitled to in common with all our fellow-citizens who have fought even to defend them from foreign enemies, and will not submit to surrender them to any set of men among ourselves.

A smart shock of an earthquake was felt in this town early in the evening of 28 November, 1814.

## THE SEPTEMBER GALE.

One of the most violent tempests ever experienced here occurred on the 22 September, 1815. It commenced at about 11 : 30 A. M., and continued with great fury about two hours. Trees and fences were blown down, buildings were unroofed, and their fragments, with limbs of trees, were strewn in all directions. Along the coast the storm was still more severe, and the damage done to the shipping was immense. Fortunately, but few lives were lost. A current of air, like one from a hot bath, almost suffocating, was noticed at Worcester, during the middle stages of the tempest.

Snow is said to have fallen every month of the year 1816, and the following season was also a very cold one. But very little sound corn was raised in either of these years ; but the crops of rye and other small grains were excellent.

About three o'clock A. M., on the morning of 22 May, 1817, a smart shock of an earthquake was felt in this town, and another on Sunday, 5 October, the same year, during the morning service in the meeting-house. The last shock lasted about a minute, and was so severe that many persons left the meeting-house. It was noticed in Concord, Boston, Salem, and other places. Its course seemed to be from north-west to south-east.

A meeting of citizens interested in the project was held 15 May, 1818, to take into consideration the expediency of establishing sunday-schools in this town.

## THE COMMON.

At a meeting held 29 June, 1818, William Fisk, Jedediah K. Smith, Charles H. Atherton, David Stewart, and Daniel Campbell, were appointed a committee to ascertain the boundaries of the common. On the twenty-first day of September following the committee reported ;—

"That, from the best information they could then collect, the Common begins on the road the west side of the burying-ground, five rods north of Col. Means's Corner, thence West, or about West, thirty-two rods on land sold by Ronaldson Ellinwood to the County, to a long stone inserted in the ground, between the stores of Wallace and Spalding and Mrs. Shepard, thence North so as to take in a Corner of said store of Wallace and Spalding and a part of his (their) horse-shed to a stake near the fence running from Mrs. Smith's to the turn-pike, thence easterly so as to take in about one third part of Mrs. Smith's dwelling-house and almost one half of the Court house to the line of the road running West of the burying-ground, thence by said road to the place of beginning, which is exclusive of that part of the Common included in the burying-ground."

They stated that

"The North line *may* possibly be two or three feet further north than the line indicated above."

26 November, 1858. The town voted to appropriate the sum of \$250 for the purchase of the Read lot, so called, and that a title to the same be obtained, and that it be used as a common belonging to the town for ever.

This was a lot on which the store, occupied for many years by William Read, Read & Spalding, David Underhill, and others, formerly stood. It laid west of the common, and adjoining it. A part of it is now occupied by the Soldiers' Monument.

12 May, 1866, the town voted to discontinue that part of the common lying between the road leading from H. E. Abbot's store to George Kent's, and that leading from said Kent's to William Wetherbee's, and from said Wetherbee's to the chapel, and from the chapel to H. E. Abbot's store, and allow the same to be fenced, provided it can be done without expense to the town.

An effort to reconsider this vote was made at a meeting held 2 June, 1866, which failed.

In 1866 a portion of the common was fenced in, and 4 May, 1867, the citizens turned out and spent the day in

setting out trees within the inclosure, encircling it with maples and elms. The work went on through the following week, every day bringing something new to add in time to the beauty of the place.

The citizens turned out again on "election day," 5 June, 1867, and finished the work on the common in good shape. They dined and supped together at the "Stewart" house. After supper the treasurer reported that the funds in the treasury were \$15 short of the demands made against it, which amount was contributed at once.

The park on the common was dedicated 1 July, 1868, by an open-air concert, given by the Nashua Brass Band, E. T. Baldwin, conductor. After the concert the band and many of the citizens partook of a collation, prepared by the ladies, at the Court House.

Assuming that the south-west corner of the common, as reported by the committee in 1818, was identical with the south-west corner of the training-field, burying-place, etc., laid out by the proprietors' committee in 1735, that lot extended east from the corner mentioned, some 38 rods, to a point in the old cemetery, thence north 74 rods, thence west some 38 rods, thence south 74 rods to the bound first mentioned. To the west of the training-field lot and adjoining it was the ministerial lot of 60 acres. This extended 124 rods west from the west line of the training-field.

North of the training-field lot, its south-west corner being the same as the north-west corner of the training-field, and extending along the north line of that lot and beyond, was the minister's lot, of 60 acres. This lot extended 78 rods east and west, and 124 rods north and south, land being reserved for a road along its southern boundary. On this lot Mr. Wilkins settled, and built the house long known after his death as the "Henchman" house. For some cause the first meeting-house was also built on this lot.

Directly east of this, and bounded by the road, on the south, was the school lot of 60 acres.

The present road to Manchester and Merrimack seems to have been laid out on the land reserved for the purpose by the proprietors.

The committee appointed 29 June, 1818, to ascertain the boundaries of the common, were also instructed to ascertain what number of horse sheds would be wanted near the meeting-house, what number of them it would be proper to build on the common, and where they should be built. On these matters they reported

"That they could not recommend the erection of any horse sheds on the common; but, as they supposed about thirty sheds would be wanted, one of their number had purchased a strip of land of Samuel Dana, Esq., which they supposed would furnish room sufficient to allow of the erection of some 20 or 30 sheds, which he offered to the town for \$30.25, that being the price paid for it, in addition to some trifling expenses in effecting the purchase, not exceeding three dollars.

This land the Committee asked to be authorized to lay out in lots suitable for the accommodation of sheds, and sell the rights at auction, Mr. Atherton giving deeds to the highest bidders, and if any thing was realized above the cost of the land it should be paid into a common fund for the erection of the sheds. This plan would make it necessary to remove the hearse-house to some part of the burying-ground, and to turn Mr. Lord's shed to face the east, and let it form the first shed on that side."

The report of the committee was accepted and adopted, and they were authorized to divide the land into lots and dispose of it in the manner indicated.

The hearse-house was moved to the north-west corner of the burying-ground, where it braved the storm, tempest, and lightning, for many years. The spots occupied by Mr. Lord's shed and some others on that line are now covered by the meeting-house, which was moved there in 1836, the sheds having been previously removed to a spot near the Baptist meeting-house. The remainder of the sheds are still on the land bought by Mr. Atherton.

## DARK DAY OF 1818.

15 July, 1818. A great smoke filled the atmosphere in this and the neighboring towns. The sun was so obscured that the people were reminded of the dark day of 1780. The smoke was produced by the burning of the woodlands on the mountains and a general burning of brush in all directions. A strong north-west wind prevailed through the day. In Salem and Boston the darkness is said to have been much more intense than here.

## TAXES.

March, 1819. By a vote of the town those tax-payers who paid their taxes on or before the first day of September this year were allowed a discount of five per cent.; those who paid between that time and the third day of November, three per cent.; after that time the full amount was required; and the collector who did not pay up his taxes on or before the first day of the following March was to have no pay for collecting what remained unpaid at that time.

20 March, 1819. After a winter of *bare ground* and mild, pleasant weather, snow fell to the depth of eighteen or twenty inches on a level, which was piled into huge drifts by the high winds, and greatly obstructed the traveling in many places.

## FAIR OF THE HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY.

The first cattle show and fair under the direction of the Hillsborough County Society for the promotion of agriculture and domestic manufactures was held on Amherst Plain, 13 October, 1819.

A procession was formed at Ray's tavern, which, under the lead of Gen. Benjamin Pierce, moved across the plain to the place of exhibition, and viewed the stock, farm products, and manufactures offered for premiums. They



then marched to the meeting-house, where prayer was offered by Rev. Humphrey Moore, of Milford, after which they returned to Ray's hall.

Although a cold rain storm, accompanied by sleet, prevailed in the forenoon, a large number of people were in attendance, and the utmost good feeling and harmony prevailed.

In the afternoon the society met to hear the reports of the awarding committees, hear essays read, and choose officers for the ensuing year.

Dr. Matthias Spalding read an essay on making and managing manure (which was published in the *Cabinet*, 13 November, 1819), for which he received the premium offered by the society.

Hon. Charles H. Atherton was chosen president of the society for the following year.

Thomas Underwood, of Amherst, was awarded the first premium for wheat, having raised twenty-four bushels to the acre.

A pair of yearling twin steers exhibited by Timothy Danforth, attracted much attention. They were yoked together, and drew a small cart filled with rare farm products.

Mr. Danforth received the first premium for corn, his crop averaging seventy-one bushels of shelled corn to the acre. The second premium for corn was also awarded him, as he raised forty-four and three fourths bushels per acre, on light land, at a very trifling cost.

From the twelfth day of November, 1820, to the seventeenth day of April, 1821, there were twenty-four snow storms in which  $83\frac{1}{2}$  inches of snow fell.

#### STAGES.

22 December, 1821. There were stages running through the village every day in the week.

A new line from Amherst to Groton had recently been put on, which left Amherst on Monday and Wednesday mornings, and returned on Tuesdays and Saturdays. At Groton it connected with stages from Keene.

24 and 25 September, 1822. The Hillsborough County Agricultural Society held its fourth anniversary cattle-show, plowing-match, etc., at this place. The number of people collected was very great. Pens for the cattle were erected on the plain in front of the meeting-house, and the manufactures were deposited in the upper room of the school-house. At five o'clock P. M., on the first day, the society met for the choice of officers and the transaction of other business; after this they adjourned until eight o'clock the next morning, at which time they heard and accepted the treasurer's report. At half past nine o'clock such animals as the owners wished to dispose of were sold by auction. At ten o'clock a procession was formed, under the direction of General Benjamin Pierce as chief marshal, which moved to the spot selected for the plowing-match. After the close of the plowing-match the society returned to the area of the pens, where refreshments were partaken of, and at half past twelve the procession was re-formed and proceeded to the meeting-house, where prayer was offered by Rev. Nathan Lord, and an interesting address was delivered by Moses Eastman, Esq., of Salisbury.

In 1823 the road to Bedford was repaired, and a short piece of new road built which made the route more direct.

In November of that year the new road to Milford was laid out by the selectmen.

At the annual exhibition of the Hillsborough Agricultural Society held in Amherst on the 24th and 25th of September, 1823, Charles H. Atherton was awarded \$4 for good husbandry; Timothy Danforth, \$4 for the second best field of oats; Eber Lawrence, \$3 for the third best field of oats; David Stewart, \$4 for the best field of beans; Matthias Spalding, \$4 for the best field of English turnips;

and Miss Lucy Ann Fuller, \$1 for the best straw bonnet.

4 July, 1824. The day was celebrated by the citizens without distinction of party. Hon. Charles H. Atherton acted as president of the day; Hon. William Fisk, Hon. Edmund Parker, Andrew Wallace and Robert Means, Esqs., vice-presidents; Timothy Danforth, chief marshal, with Capt. Daniel Campbell, Capt. Daniel Hartshorn, Lieut. Luther Melendy, Ephraim Blanchard, and E. F. Wallace, as aids; Rev. Jeremiah Barnard, chaplain; Charles G. Atherton, orator of the day. The Declaration of Independence was read by Hon. Edmund Parker, and Capt. John Secombe acted as toast-master.

His Excellency, Gov. Morrill, was met at the residence of Hon. William Fisk, and escorted to the plain by a cavalcade of citizens. Gen. James Miller, the hero of Lundy's Lane, Gen. Benjamin Pierce, and Gen. Joseph Low, were present, and participated in the festivities of the occasion.

The annual fair of the Hillsborough County Agricultural society was held in this town 22 and 23 September, 1824. The annual address was delivered by Dr. Matthias Spalding. A large concourse of people was present, who appeared to be deeply interested in the proceedings.

At the plowing-match the land was measured into lots of one eighth of an acre each. Nine teams competed for the prizes, and the time occupied by each varied from nine minutes and seven seconds to sixteen minutes per lot. Two teams were entered from Amherst, of which that owned by Timothy Danforth, a pair of twin oxen, six years old, driven by Walter Danforth, John Farnum, plowman, completed the lot in twelve minutes and twenty seconds, plowing seventeen furrows. The team owned by Capt. Daniel Campbell, a pair of oxen, six years old, driven by James Tuttle, Capt. Campbell, plowman, completed its task in twelve minutes and thirty seconds, having plowed sixteen furrows.

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The speaker of the House of Representatives having resigned, Hon. Edmund Parker, of Amherst, was chosen speaker for the remainder of the session, 15 December, 1824.

"There are now living in Amherst 2 persons over 90 years of age ; 17 (nine males and eight females), over 80 and under 90 years ; and 53 (twenty-seven males and twenty-six females), between 70 and 80 years."—*New Hampshire Patriot*, 27 December, 1824.

#### NEW ROAD TO NEW BOSTON AND HENNIKER.

A new road from Amherst to Henniker began to be called for early in 1824, and at a meeting held 21 June, that year, David McG. Means, William Fisk, John Secombe, and Luther Melendy, were appointed a committee to confer with such committees as might be appointed by the towns of Henniker, Weare, and others, to ascertain whether it was practicable to straighten the road from Henniker and Weare, through New Boston and Amherst, to Nashua village, and they were directed to ascertain the most practicable route for said road to pass through the town of Amherst to Nashua village.

3 September, 1825, Nathaniel Shattuck, Esq., was appointed agent to oppose the laying out of a road from Amherst through the easterly part of Mont Vernon, thence through New Boston to the south line of Weare, as petitioned for by William Whittle and others and John Crombie and others.

4 September, 1826, Robert Read, Edmund Parker, and John Secombe, were appointed agents for the town to oppose the granting of the petition of William Whittle and others, for a road to be laid through the easterly part of the town ; and they were directed to use their influence in favor of the petition of Robert Read and others, for a road from the south line of Weare to Amherst village. Voted also to discharge Nathaniel Shattuck, who was appointed agent to oppose the laying out of the road peti-

tioned for by William Whittle and others, from further service in that direction.

The town voted, at a meeting held 18 January, 1827, that the expenses and money paid out by the committee, while waiting upon the court's committee which laid out the road petitioned for by Francis Peabody and others, after deducting such sums as shall be allowed by the court on the acceptance or rejection of their report, shall be paid by the town.

Edmund Parker was appointed agent to appear in court and urge the acceptance of the committee's report on the road petitioned for by Francis Peabody and others, and he was authorized to make such preparations as he might deem expedient to secure the acceptance of the report.

At the annual meeting, 13 March, 1827, the petition of Robert Means and others, and David McG. Means and others, praying for a straightening of the road between Amherst common and Daniel Fletcher's, and the petition of William Melendy and others for an alteration in the termination of the road lately laid out by a court's committee from the south line of Weare to Amherst, were referred to the selectmen.

At the session of the Court of Common Pleas held in September, 1827, the justices accepted the report of the committee appointed by them on the petition of Francis Peabody and others, laying out a new road from Amherst to Weare. The road was built during this and the following year. It passed through the entire length of Mont Vernon, and its construction and maintenance have been a heavy burden to that town. Its completion was noticed in the *Cabinet*, 31 January, 1829, as follows :

"The new road, lately ordered to be laid out and built by the Court of Common Pleas between this place and Weare is now completed and traveled by teams going with loads to market at Boston and the manufacturing towns below us. It is generally—we understand—considered as an excellent and level road, and is likely to receive the travel from the upper towns in preference to any other route."

The town voted, 9 March, 1830, to keep the turnpike and bridge in repair from the point where the new road intersects with it, to the end of the turnpike near Robert Read's store.

#### RECEPTION OF GEN. LAFAYETTE AT CONCORD.

The capital of New Hampshire was visited by Gen. Lafayette 22 June, 1825, and thousands of the citizens of the State embraced the opportunity of greeting the friend and companion of Washington. More than two hundred of his companions in arms were present. Edmund Parker, Esq., the representative from Amherst, was chief marshal of the day. Receiving the General at Pembroke, the civic escort proceeded toward Concord, and at the line of the towns was met by the military escort called out for the occasion, which was under the command of Gen. Bradbury Bartlett, a grandson of Col. Cilley, of revolutionary fame. The procession then marched up Main street to the North end, then wheeled and returned to the State House, where the military formed on either side of the walk from the street to the State House steps; and the marshals, committee of arrangements, and guests, passed between the lines to the Representatives' hall, where the Governor, Council, Senate, and House of Representatives were assembled. On entering the hall the presence of Gen. Lafayette was announced to the convention, which rose to receive him. He was then introduced to Gov. Morrill, who addressed him briefly in an appropriate speech, to which he replied. He was afterward introduced to the members of the Council and the President of the Senate by the Governor. The President of the Senate introduced him to each of the Senators and to the Speaker of the House, who introduced him to each of the Representatives. He then descended to the area below the hall and met the Revolutionary soldiers there assembled. Gen. Benjamin Pierce welcomed him in their behalf. He then partook of a dinner in the State

House park, with about eight hundred of the citizens, the chief marshal of the day being seated at the left of the nation's guest, at the table.

Hon. Edmund Parker, who had represented the town in the General Court several years, and was again elected in March, 1826, resigned a short time previous to the session of the legislature, and Robert Read, Esq., was elected to fill the vacancy at a special town-meeting called for the purpose. Mr. Parker's letter of resignation was as follows :

*To the town of Amherst :—*

The undersigned respectfully represents that on account of sickness the situation of his family is such as renders it very inconvenient for him to be absent. On the most favorable supposition he apprehends the case will be but little varied during the month of June, and that he can not serve the town in the General Court without neglecting more imperious obligations. Under these circumstances he thinks it a duty he owes to the town, as well as his family, to ask to be excused from serving the town as their Representative in the General Court the ensuing year, or in case the office can be considered as now existing, to ask permission to resign it. He does it at this time that there may be opportunity to elect another before the sitting of the court. He begs the town to accept his thanks for the honor they have conferred on him, and he assures them that nothing but necessity would have induced him to decline serving them.

EDMUND PARKER.

AMHERST, May 20, 1826.

4 July, 1826. The day was celebrated by the Lafayette Riflemen, who were presented with a beautiful standard by Miss Lucretia Claggett, in behalf of the ladies of the town, after which they dined at Ray's hotel, in company with a number of the citizens.

The viewing committee of the Hillsborough County Agricultural Society commenced their tour of duty, in examining crops, etc., 24 July, 1826. They reported informally, 29 July, that they had a pleasant trip, being every where met with cordiality, welcome, and—grass-hoppers. That there would be about an average crop of

Indian corn, wheat, and potatoes ; rye, a little shortened ; spring rye, damaged, and oats very much damaged by the grasshoppers ; hay, not over half a crop ; no turnips ; and four fifths of the gardens naked as the middle of the road.

1826 was long remembered as the "grasshopper year." Those insects were so plenty that nearly every green thing was eaten: In some places they are said to have been caught in nets and fed to the hogs. A great rain storm occurred during the last week in August, which destroyed them. More water is said to have fallen in this storm than had fallen in the same length of time for many years. The roads were badly washed, and many of the bridges were swept away. The Merrimack and Souhegan rivers were as high as they are in the greatest spring freshets.

It was during this storm that the slide on the White Mountains took place, by which the Willey family was destroyed.

Fifty-three deaths occurred in Amherst in the year 1826, a greater number than is recorded in any other year since its settlement.

Early in July the whooping-cough made its appearance. In the same month the measles followed, and soon after the dysentery. These diseases were all more difficult to manage than usual, and often terminated in death. The sickness was more severely felt in the Centre school district than any other. In this district alone there were 47 cases of whooping-cough, 122 of measles, and 109 of dysentery. Many adults suffered severely, and some died. Deaths, by the cough, 1 ; dysentery, 13 ; measles, 3 ; and one lingering case, which resulted in death, seemed to be the result of all three of the diseases. Of these 16 were children, and 2 adults ; males 13, females 5. The sickness continued until past the middle of December.

Neither wine nor ardent spirits were used at the dinner of the Southern District Medical Society at Nutt's tavern, 9 January, 1827 ; but the table was abundantly supplied



with most excellent cider. Three or four decanters of brandy, placed on the table without orders, remained untouched by the doctors.

At the fair of the Hillsborough County Agricultural Society, held in this town 24 and 25 September, 1828, premiums were awarded to George Raymond and Thomas Cloutman, of Mont Vernon, Humphrey Moore, of Milford, Matthias Spalding, of Amherst, and Thomas Eaton, of Francestown, for performing the labor on their farms that year without the aid of distilled liquors.

The use of distilled liquors was at that time nearly universal among all classes of the people. The farmer carried them to his field, the mechanic to his workshop, and the professional man to his office; all used them freely, and the legitimate consequences—drunkenness, idleness, poverty, disease, and crime—followed.

About this time a society was formed in the town the members of which were pledged to abstain from the use of intoxicating spirits. Associations of a similar kind were formed in many other towns. In these movements many of the most distinguished physicians, and other educated men in the State, took an active part, and suffered no small amount of abuse in consequence of their exertions.

A cow, six years old, exhibited by Capt. Elijah Putnam, of this town, at the fair in Milford, September, 1827, averaged seventeen quarts of milk per day, for fourteen days, from which nineteen and one fourth pounds of butter were made.

At this fair Dr. Thomas Eaton, of Francestown, stated that he had ascertained, by careful experiment, that one seventh more corn could be raised from the same number of stalks planted in drills than when planted in the usual way in hills.

A code of by-laws for the prevention of fires within 200 yards of the court house, to be in force after 1 January, 1828, was adopted by the fire-wards 22 November, 1827.

1 September, 1829. After a day of intense heat the wind suddenly changed in the night, and the weather became uncomfortably cold, and continued so for more than a week. The earth had become very dry from a long drought, and the air was filled with smoke and dust from numerous fires the wind had rekindled, which would have done serious damage but for the great exertions of the citizens in quelling them.

Dr. Daniel Adams, of Mont Vernon, delivered an address before the Amherst temperance society on the evening of 6 May, 1830. Many citizens from all parts of the county, who were in town attending the session of the court were present, and listened with pleasure to the Doctor's valuable and convincing discourse.

6 August, 1830. A great freshet occurred, the like of which has seldom been seen by the oldest inhabitants. The streams, swollen to an unwonted height, burst over their barriers, and in some cases formed new channels, presenting a scene of ruin and desolation along their courses.

The Hillsborough County Agricultural Society held their eleventh exhibition in Amherst, October 6 and 7, 1830. Although the weather was fine and the attendance large, the exhibition was small. On the morning of the 7th the annual address was delivered in the meeting-house by Dr. S. I. Bard, of Francestown. It was an interesting and valuable production.

#### PURCHASE OF THE PAUPER FARM.

The support of the town paupers was provided for by the town, annually, at a meeting held near the close of the month of March, when their maintenance during the coming year was let out to the lowest bidder.

This course, the best at first, perhaps, that could be adopted, was open to serious objections, and, at the annual town meeting, March, 1817, William Fisk, Edmund Parker,

John Secombe, Daniel Campbell, jr., Elijah Putnam, Robert Means, Israel Fuller, Frederick French, William Read, and Jedediah K. Smith, were appointed a committee to take into consideration the propriety of providing a house for the accommodation of the poor of the town, so that they may be more prudently and comfortably supported, and in a way less repugnant to the feelings of humanity than at present.

At the adjourned meeting held 26 March, 1817, the committee reported that the time had been too short to make the necessary inquiries in regard to the matter put into their hands, and that it would be advisable to appoint a committee of two or three persons whose duty it should be to procure information from overseers of the poor in towns where farms had been purchased on which to support the poor and lay the result of their inquiries before the town at some future meeting.

While they considered it unadvisable for the town to purchase a farm at that time, they were persuaded that the time would arrive when it would be advisable so to do.

The town voted to accept the report of the committee, but took no further action. The subject of the purchase of a pauper farm was again brought up and discussed at the annual town meetings until 1826, when another committee was appointed to take the subject into consideration ; but no record exists to show that they were called upon to make a report of their doings.

Another committee was appointed in March, 1828, to take the subject into consideration, but no further action was taken.

9 March, 1830, the town voted not to purchase a farm for the support of the poor.

11 December, 1830, the town voted to purchase a farm, on which to support the poor. John Mack, David Stewart, Bartholomew Dodge, Thomas Wilkins, and Daniel Campbell, jr., were appointed a committee to carry the vote into effect, and they were authorized to sell the real estate then

owned by the town, and to borrow such a sum of money, in addition to the amount received from such sale, as would enable them to pay for the farm, with the necessary stock and tools required for it, and provisions for the support of the paupers the first year, the whole amount not to exceed four thousand dollars.

The committee attended at once upon the business entrusted to them, and, after the necessary inquiries and examination of farms offered, decided to purchase the farm lying on the south side of Souhegan river, owned by Mr. John Mack, and at the annual meeting in March, 1831, made report of their action in which they stated that,

“Finding they could not purchase the whole farm without exceeding the limits assigned them, they had reserved in their own hands about sixty acres, and taken a deed of the remainder for the town for the sum of \$3,150. The land they had secured could be had for \$700, if the town desired to purchase it, which the committee were decidedly of opinion it would be for the interest of the town to do, which would make the cost of the whole \$3,850, which, with the stock, tools, and provisions necessary, would require an outlay of from forty-two to forty-three hundred dollars, thirty-five hundred of which they had already hired.

They also reported that they had not purchased any stock, farming tools, or provisions, and but a small amount of furniture, not deeming it best to do so until they were wanted, and that they had hired Mr. John W. Underwood, of Dunstable, to superintend and carry on the farm one year at a salary of \$200.

Also that they had been offered three dollars and fifty cents per acre for the land owned by the town, and submitted the matter to the town, whether they would accept the offer or not.

After hearing the report, the town voted to purchase the *whole* of the Mack farm, as recommended, and to dispose of the town's land on the best terms offered.

They also voted that the committee draft by-laws and rules and regulations for the government of the poor-house, and report the same at the adjournment of this meeting.

Also, voted that the town's farm for the poor be taxed with school and highway taxes.

A code of by-laws prepared by the committee was adopted by the town at an adjourned meeting.

The amount paid Mr. Jacob Kimball for the support of the town paupers the year preceding the purchase of the farm was \$525.

23 December, 1833. The town voted to build a barn on the pauper farm, and the selectmen were constituted a committee to superintend the work. The barn, 100 x 40 feet, was built the following season, at a cost, as reported, of \$967.20, exclusive of lumber furnished from the farm. It was burned by an insane pauper in the month of March, 1847, with all its contents, just after the town had paid the debt incurred by the purchase of the farm.

19 April, 1847. The town voted to build a barn on the pauper farm, 60 x 40 feet, and authorized the selectmen to hire a sum of money to defray the expense of the same, provided it does not exceed six hundred dollars. Daniel Hartshorn, Israel Fuller, jr., and Thomas Wilkins, were appointed a committee to superintend its erection.

2 May, 1847. Voted to enlarge the size of the barn, and build it twenty feet longer, making the whole length eighty feet, and authorized the committee to build a shed, such as they might think proper.

The cost of the barn and shed, including the services of the committee, was \$918.27.

In 1859 the house on the farm was repaired at an expense, as reported, of \$971.43.

The same year the wood and timber sold from the farm amounted to \$1,497.50.

In March, 1840, the town authorized the selectmen to sell and convey a portion of the pauper farm, not exceeding two acres, to Capt. Jacob Danforth.

The farm, originally a part of Monson, on which Benjamin Kendrick settled in 1749, is still owned by the town, and is worth probably three times the amount paid for it fifty years ago. While such an institution was necessary it fully answered the purpose for which it was bought; but the recent change in the pauper laws of the State has almost wholly obviated the necessity of town establishments for the support of paupers.

12 February, 1831. An eclipse of the sun, the largest that has been witnessed in this place since the total eclipse of 16 June, 1806, took place to-day between the hours of 10:30 A. M. and 2:15 P. M. At five minutes past 1 o'clock 11.29 digits of the sun's service were eclipsed. The weather was fair, allowing a good view of the eclipse. At the time of the greatest obscuration the planet Venus was visible, and an unusual chill pervaded the atmosphere. Owing to the great distance of the moon from the earth at the time, the eclipse was no where total.

The following instance of "extraordinary despatch" in the transmission of the President's message is found in the *Cabinet* of 17 December, 1831:

"The President's message was conveyed from the steamboat wharf in Providence to Boston, a distance of forty-two miles, in one hour and fifty-two minutes. This rapidity of conveyance is without a parallel in this country, and we are not aware of its being equalled elsewhere."

June, 1832. The Asiatic cholera made its appearance in Quebec, whence it spread over the country, proving fatal in numberless cases, and causing great alarm. It has never prevailed to any great extent in New Hampshire.

21 October, 1833. The Hillsborough County Mutual Fire Insurance Company was organized at Amherst.

Charles H. Atherton was chosen president ; Robert Read, David McG. Means, Isaac Spalding, of Nashua, and Abial Lovejoy, of Milford, directors ; and John Prentiss, secretary.

#### THE METEORIC DISPLAY

On the morning of 13 November, 1833, was the grandest ever witnessed in this country. Thousands of meteors were flying in all directions, and the show continued until they were obscured by the light of the sun. The *New Hampshire Patriot*, of the following week, said :

“At half past five in the morning the heavens presented one of the most extraordinary, sublime, and beautiful prospects ever beheld by man. Imagination can picture nothing to exceed it. The meteors were seen flying in every possible direction, through a clear, unclouded sky, leaving long luminous trains behind. In any direction the scene could be compared to nothing more aptly than a distant shower of fire, whose particles were falling sparsely to the earth. Frequently one larger and more luminous than the others would shoot across the heavens, producing a flash like vivid lightning. Toward the approach of daylight the sky began to be obscured with clouds, and the meteors appeared less frequently, but they were seen as long as the stars were visible.”

Some of the cases brought before the Court of Common Pleas at its session in February, 1834, originated in very trivial matters. One arose from a matter of six and a quarter cents, which, by eight or ten years litigation, amounted to six or seven hundred dollars.

4 July, 1834, the Lafayette Riflemen paraded and received the New Boston Artillery, their guests for the day. The day was ushered in by the ringing of the bell and the discharge of twenty-four guns. At 12 o'clock a procession was formed which marched to the meeting-house, where an oration was pronounced by Perley Dodge, Esq. At the conclusion of the services in the meeting-house the company repaired to a booth on the common where a dinner had been provided by Mr. Hardy, to which

ample justice was done. The two companies then paraded on the common and went through a variety of evolutions, evincing a high state of discipline, and at an early hour retired. The celebration passed off with a degree of good order and sobriety creditable to all concerned.

The "Amherst Lyceum," recently organized, was opened by a lecture from Dr. Amory Gale, 29 December, 1834.

7 January, 1835, a great fall of rain at night raised the small streams to a great height, and did considerable damage to bridges, mills, etc. The old county bridge was carried away. A portion of the dam at Milford village was swept away. The Kendrick bridge was made impassable, and the Fletcher bridge was for some time in great peril, but happily escaped injury.

The frame of a new meeting-house for the Unitarian and Universalist societies in Amherst was erected 17 June, 1835, under the direction of John Crombie, jr., of New Boston. Mr. Boylston said, in the *Cabinet*, that

"The raising went on with great facility, every thing being done decently and in order, without accident, and—without rum!"

The house, now the Baptist meeting-house, was dedicated 24 November, 1835, when a discourse, appropriate to the occasion, was preached by Rev. Lyman Maynard.

The New cemetery at Nashua was consecrated as a burial-place 30 June, 1835. An exceedingly appropriate and able address was delivered, on this occasion, by Hon. Charles H. Atherton.

#### ASYLUM FOR THE INSANE.

A meeting was held at the court house in September, 1836, for the purpose of expressing an opinion respecting the establishment of an asylum for the insane in this State. Resolutions were passed in favor of the project, and the meeting was addressed by Hon. Charles H. Atherton and John L. Clarke, of Nashua. David Underhill, Dr. Amory



Gale, and James Means, were appointed a committee to prepare a memorial to the legislature on the subject, and obtain signatures for the same.

On this subject the town voted, at a meeting held 7 November, 1836. to request the legislature to grant an appropriation for the construction of an asylum for the insane ; yeas 88, nays 2.

The season of 1836 was an unpropitious one for the farmers. The spring was backward, and a heavy frost came early in September, by which much of the corn was injured. The weevil destroyed much of the wheat. Other kinds of English grain were tolerably good, and the hay crop was a little better than it was the year before. Of potatoes there was scarcely a middling crop. Beef and wool were plenty, and brought good prices.

From 1836 to 1844 was the era of road building in Amherst. The growing town of Manchester demanded better facilities for reaching the shire town than were then possessed, and the road leading in that direction was straightened and put in good repair at a heavy expense. Local roads, demanded for the accommodation of the inhabitants in the eastern part of the town, were also built.

#### SURPLUS REVENUE.

18 February, 1837. The town voted that they would receive their portion of the surplus revenue of the United States, deposited or to be deposited with the State, on the terms and conditions prescribed in the law of this State, approved 13 January, 1837. David Stewart was appointed agent to receive said money and execute the certificate of deposit therefor required by said law.

The town also voted that the board of selectmen for the time being be authorized to loan said money, taking a note or notes, or other security therefor, payable on demand, with interest at six per cent.

The amount of surplus revenue received by the town, with the interest on the same to 12 November, 1837, amounted, at that time, to \$4,228.78, which amount and \$124.71—making in the whole \$4,347.79—was borrowed by the selectmen to pay the expense of rebuilding the Fletcher bridge, land damages, and building roads in the east part of the town; and \$4,295.07 of it was expended for those purposes, leaving a balance in their hands in March, 1838, of \$52.42.

At a meeting held 30 March, 1839, the town voted that the principal and interest of the surplus revenue money should be used for the payment of money hired by the town, and authorized the selectmen to cancel the notes given for the same.

#### 1837.

Many of the farmers in Amherst were engaged in the cultivation of hops, but the business was in a few years abandoned. Col. Stephen Peabody, of Milford, was the champion hop raiser of the county, his crop this year being 11,560 pounds from 5,000 hills, an unusual yield, the result of good cultivation of a fertile soil.

A financial crisis prevailed in the country during the summer and autumn of this year. There was no small silver change in circulation, and its want was severely felt. Fractional bills were issued by some of the banks to supply the want, but the practice was soon discontinued.

At a meeting held 13 March, 1838, the town voted unanimously that it was not expedient that the legislature should pass a law authorizing town-clerks to record deeds; says 201.

A great amount of damage was done by a storm of wind and rain, which occurred 26 January, 1839. The Pauper farm bridge was entirely carried away, and great losses in mills, bridges, etc., were reported on the Merrimack and Connecticut rivers and their tributaries.

4 July, 1839. The day was celebrated by the Democratic Republicans of Amherst and the neighboring towns. A procession was formed, which marched, under escort of the Lafayette Riflemen, to the Universalist church, where an oration was pronounced by Hon. Charles G. Atherton, of Nashua, after which the company partook of a sumptuous dinner. Gov. Isaac Hill, Hon. Charles F. Gove, and other invited guests were present, and made speeches, and all passed off pleasantly.

The rifle company, which appeared in its new uniform for the first time, marched to Milford at an early hour, to be present at the ceremony of presenting a stand of colors to the Milford Light Infantry.

3 September, 1839—evening. A brilliant display of the northern lights was noticed. A writer speaking of it, says—“Probably a more brilliant phenomenon has not been observed since the meteoric shower, 13 November, 1833.”

1839 was the era of the great Rohan potatoes. Special pains were taken in their cultivation, and specimens of remarkable size were produced: but it was soon found that with equally good care in cultivation other varieties were quite as productive, and of far better quality.

An enthusiastic meeting of the Whigs of Hillsborough County was held in Amherst 15 April, 1840. A log cabin from Nashua, with the usual appendages, made its appearance, Joseph Lakeman, a Revolutionary soldier, residing in Amherst, occupying it, and the “latch string was out.” 1,000 or 1,500 people were present. David Steele, Esq., of Goffstown, presided, and addresses were made by the President, Daniel Clarke, of Manchester, Francis Hilliard, of Boston, and others. Delegates were chosen to attend the Young Men’s Whig National Convention, to be held at Baltimore the following month.

The Whigs of Amherst and vicinity, to the number of about one hundred and fifty, partook of a supper at Nutt’s tavern, on the evening of 2 December, 1840, in honor of

their victory in the recent presidential election. Hon. Charles H. Atherton presided, and, after the supper was disposed of, addressed the meeting. Edmund Parker and Hubbard Newton, Esqs., also made short addresses.

## CHAPTER IX.

1840-1882.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE TOWN, AND CURRENT  
EVENTS.

SHOWERS AND STORMS.—WINTER OF 1842-43.—RAILROAD MATTERS.—AMHERST STEAM MILL.—FAIR OF THE HILLSBOROUGH AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY, 1851.—BOUNDARIES OF THE FIRE PRECINCT.—TEMPERANCE MOVEMENTS.—COLD WINTER.—MEETING OF THE FRIENDS OF FREMONT AND DAYTON.—CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION.—THE COLD MORNING OF 7 FEBRUARY, 1861.—PRESENTATION OF A UNION FLAG.—THE LOYAL TOWN CLOCK.—“SOLID” MEN AND WOMEN OF AMHERST, 1864.—THE AMHERST HOTEL.—THE GREAT RAIN STORM, OCTOBER, 1869.—FIRST OBSERVANCE OF DECORATION DAY.—ALTERATION AND REPAIRS OF THE COURT-HOUSE.—CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION, 4 JULY, 1876.—THE LIBRARY BELONGING TO THE AMHERST LIBRARY ASSOCIATION ACCEPTED BY THE TOWN.—THE “DARK DAY” OF SEPTEMBER, 1881.—CHECK-LIST, MARCH, 1882.

Three severe thunder showers occurred 30 June, 1841. The second of these was accompanied by hail, which did an immense amount of damage. It was estimated that 20,000 lights of glass were broken in Amherst alone. Some of the hail stones were as large as good sized hen's eggs.

From the second to the sixth days of October, this year, a cold storm prevailed, during which some six inches of snow fell, which soon melted.

The winter following was the mildest known for many years. Only about forty-two inches of snow fell during the whole season, and there was but little sleighing. About the middle of February there was a thunder shower, by which the roads were badly washed in some places.

December, 1841. A singular disease prevailed among the horses at this time. It was at first indicated by loss of appetite, followed by stiffness in the joints, running at the eyes and nose, fever, and swelling of the limbs and body. It was very contagious, and in many cases terminated fatally.

A terribly cold storm of wind and snow occurred 11 June, 1842, and at its close the ground was covered with snow to the depth of three or four inches. A high wind prevailed the next day, which would have done credit to November. In some places the corn was large enough to hoe, and apples had formed as large as peas; but they sustained no serious damage.

Prices of farm products October, 1842:

Hay, \$7 to \$8 per ton ;  
Butter, 16 to 18 cents per pound ;  
Potatoes, 20 cents per bushel ;  
Winter apples, \$1 per barrel :  
Other articles in proportion.

Gov. Hubbard was terribly behind-hand about Thanksgiving this year, the 22d day of December being appointed for that time-honored festival.

The winter of 1842-43 was a long and severe one. Sleighs were used until past the middle of April, and on the seventeenth of that month the snow was three feet deep on a level. It began to melt soon after, and, there being no frost in the ground, it disappeared rapidly, and farmers were sowing spring grain by the tenth of May. But very little fruit was raised that season.

The Fifth regiment mustered in this town 27 September, 1844, and fully sustained its good character as one of the best regiments in the State. It was reviewed by Maj. Gen. John McNiell and staff.

16 December, 1844. Jonathan Herrick, Jonathan Herrick, jr., Henry Sanderson, William Leavitt, James Alexander, and Daniel Secombe, with the farms on which they lived, were severed from the east district in Mont Vernon and annexed to school district, No. 8, in Amherst, for school purposes.

#### RAILROAD MATTERS.

Mr. Boylston began to agitate the matter of building a railroad to Amherst village at an early date. In the *Cabinet* of 9 September, 1836, he said :

"The Nashua and Lowell R. R. stock has all been taken up, principally in the country, and the work is to be commenced without delay.

What hinders it being continued to Amherst? Nothing, but the want of somebody to set about it in good earnest. There is plenty of capital yet left, and the people are all earnest to have it done, and it must be done."

An act incorporating the East Wilton Railroad company was approved by the Governor 28 December, 1844. By the provisions of this act the company was authorized to construct a road from the Concord Railroad, at any point between the Souhegan river, in Merrimack, and the depot in Nashua, to Amherst village, thence through Milford to East Wilton, or from any point on the Nashua & Lowell Railroad to East Wilton.

By an act approved 8 July, 1846, Charles H. Atherton, John Nesmith, Perley Dodge, Israel Fuller, jr., Stephen Peabody, Barnabas B. David, Samuel B. Melendy, Aaron Lawrence, and their associates, were incorporated as the Souhegan Railroad company, and invested with the powers usually held by such corporations.

By this charter the Concord Railroad corporation was authorized, with the consent of the Souhegan Railroad company, to construct a road from some point on the Concord Railroad, at Souhegan village, in Merrimack, to Amherst village, the expense of such construction to be added to the capital stock of said Concord Railroad corporation; and the clause in the charter of the Wilton Railroad company authorizing the construction of a road by that corporation from Merrimack to Amherst was repealed.

The Souhegan Railroad company, having been organized, consented that the road should be constructed by the Concord Railroad company, agreeably to the provisions of the charter, and application having been made to the directors of that company for the purpose, a meeting of the stockholders was called, which was held 2 September, 1846, at which the matter of building the road was indefinitely postponed.

The subject was again brought before the stockholders at an adjourned meeting held at Nashua 1 October, 1846, at which the proposition to build the road was rejected on a stock vote, the yeas being 6,257, nays 6,322. Efforts were then made to raise money to enable the Souhegan company to build the road, and 26 Jan., 1847, Aaron Lawrence, Esq., treasurer of the corporation, reported that 2,527 shares of the stock had been taken at \$50 a share. A sufficient amount of stock not being subscribed to build the road, no movement was made toward its construction.

In the meantime the East Wilton Railroad company was not idle. The law of the State making railroad corporations public in certain cases was adopted by that corporation, and the Railroad Commissioners were called upon to locate their road.

The report of the commissioners was made 26 November, 1845, in which they stated that, *after examining the plans of the different routes proposed and hearing the statements of the parties interested, they were of opinion that the*



*public good would be promoted by laying out a road from East Wilton, through Milford village, to Amherst plain, thence through the south-west part of Merrimack to the depot of the Nashua and Lowell Railroad company, at Nashville, the whole distance being about seventeen and one half miles, and they were of the opinion that the public good would be best promoted by laying it out in sections and at different times.*

The first section of the road, from the depot in Nashville, was laid out, and the damages appraised by the Commissioners, 8 December, 1846.

At the annual town meeting in March, 1847, the representative of Amherst was requested to oppose the granting by the Legislature of any right or privilege to the East Wilton Railroad to construct or build any branch or spur to this town.

The Railroad Commissioners, at a meeting held 13 July, 1847, laid out another section of the East Wilton Railroad, extending from the section previously laid out to Merrimack.

ACTION OF THE TOWN RELATIVE TO THE EAST WILTON  
RAILROAD.

At a meeting held 2 June, 1848, voted unanimously—

“That the town of Amherst does not consent to sell the right of way, nor that the Wilton Railroad corporation shall construct their road over any part of the pauper farm.”

Resolved unanimously—

“That the town of Amherst does not consent that the Wilton Railroad corporation shall lay their road over or across any public highway in the town, between South Merrimack and Danforth's corner, and that the selectmen be instructed to use all lawful means to prevent the same.”

Charles H. Atherton, Nathan Dane, Barnabas B. David, Israel Fuller, jr., Richard Boylston, David Stewart, and

Charles B. Tuttle, were appointed a committee to receive any communications which may be made in relation to the Wilton Railroad, and, if in their opinion any of such communications are of sufficient importance, they were instructed to lay them before the town. The clerk was directed to make a record of the doings of this meeting, so far as they related to the Wilton Railroad corporation, and transmit the same to Daniel Abbot, Esq., president of that corporation.

2 October, 1848. A communication from the directors of the Wilton Railroad corporation having been laid before the town, it was

"Voted, that the town of Amherst is willing to grant to the Wilton Railroad company, for building a railroad from Danforth's corner—so called—to Amherst plain, or the margin of it, the right of way through the town farm, on the most direct and suitable ground for said road, the said Wilton Railroad company fencing the way through said farm, in a good and sufficient manner, and keeping the said fence in good repair, and making and keeping in repair all such cattle paths and passage ways as the convenience of the farming may require; and upon the further condition that the said railroad from Danforth's corner to Amherst plain, or the margin of it, shall be built and in running order for cars and engines by the tenth day of November in the year eighteen hundred and forty-nine, or the grant that may be made of the right of way shall be void and of no effect."

Barnabas B. David, Nathan Dane, David Stewart, Charles B. Tuttle, and Richard Boylston, were appointed a committee to carry the preceding vote into effect, which they were authorized to do, and also, after the road was surveyed and staked through the farm, to agree with the company upon the damages to be paid the town, or in case they were unable to agree, the amount might be settled by reference or otherwise.

The cars commenced their regular trips between Danforth's corner and Nashua, 23 October, 1848.

The road from Merrimack to Danforth's corner was laid out by the commissioners 16 July, 1849.

A notification to the town from the Railroad Commissioners was received by the clerk and recorded 21 July, 1849, which stated that they should meet at the Central House, in Nashville, on the seventh day of October following, to take into consideration the petition of the Wilton Railroad company, asking that a railroad might be laid out from station numbered 270, on the line between land of Ira Spalding and John Parker to the west end of Milford, and that they would at that time, if in their opinion it would be conducive to the public interest, lay out the same, either wholly or in part, and in conjunction with the selectmen of Merrimack, Amherst, and Milford, assess the damages to the owners of land over which the road passed.

On the 6th of August, 1849, the town appointed Perley Dodge, Barnabas B. David, Francis P. Fitch, James C. Follansbee, Aaron Lawrence, Elijah Munroe, Richard Boylston, Jonathan Knight, and Daniel Hartshorn, a committee to appear before the Railroad Commissioners "to oppose any alteration of the route of the Wilton Railroad, as already established by the Railroad Commissioners and the Governor and Council of the State of New Hampshire," and the committee were authorized to fill any vacancy that might occur in their number, and to employ counsel to assist them. No further action in regard to laying out the road was taken by the commissioners at their meeting in October.

A notice of another meeting of the Railroad Commissioners, at Nashville, on the 14th of September following, was lodged with the clerk 24 August, 1849.

This meeting was for the purpose of taking into consideration the petition of the Wilton Railroad company that the route of their road, as originally laid out, might, on account of unexpected difficulties, be varied so as to allow them, *instead of running from Milford village to Amherst plain, to run from Milford village eastwardly to the depot at Danforth's corner.*

The town, at a meeting held 17 August, 1850, voted, unanimously, to oppose any alteration of the Wilton Railroad as now located, and chose Perley Dodge, Lemuel N. Pattee, and Barnabas B. David, agents, with authority to engage assistance, and further to act as they might think proper in the premises.

After hearing the parties interested, the commissioners declined to make the alteration asked for.

Another meeting of the commissioners was held 29 August, 1850, to act upon a petition of the East Wilton Railroad Company, asking them to accept the route to Milford south of Souhegan river as a substitute for the route from Merrimack to Amherst plain, thence to Milford.

After hearing the statements of parties interested, the commissioners decided not to make the change asked for.

On the 25th of September, 1850, the commissioners notified the town that they should meet at the Depot at Danforth's corner on the 17th day of October following, to take into consideration the application of the Wilton Railroad company for the laying out of their road from that place to Milford and East Wilton, and that should it appear, in their view, proper to comply with their request, they should proceed to lay out said road, and, in conjunction with the selectmen of the towns through which it passed, assess the damages to the owners of lands over which it passed.

At a meeting held 8 October, 1850, the town voted to estimate the damage of the Wilton Railroad passing through the Pauper farm at \$30,000, and instructed the selectmen to insist upon that sum as damages for it to pass.

At the meeting in October the commissioners laid out the road from Danforth's corner to Milford village, and, in conjunction with the selectmen of Milford, appraised the damages to the owners of land in that town over which the road passed. The selectmen of Amherst failed to appear, and were notified by the board that an adjourned meeting would be held 19 October, at which they were earnestly

requested to appear and assist the board in making the appraisal of damages to the town of Amherst, in consequence of the road passing through the Pauper farm.

A communication was handed the board at the adjourned meeting, from Foster Wyatt and Daniel Fletcher, selectmen of Amherst, in which they stated that one of the board of selectmen had left the State, and that they had called a meeting of the town, to be held on the 28th of the current month, to fill the vacancy in the board occasioned by his absence, and they requested that the consideration of the matter of damages might be postponed until after the election of another member of the board.

The selectmen not appearing at the adjourned meeting, the commissioners proceeded to appraise the damage to the town, which they fixed at \$500, and on the 21st that amount was tendered, by the chairman of the commissioners, to Daniel Fletcher, one of the selectmen, and town treasurer, "who refused to take it."

At a subsequent meeting of the commissioners the road was laid out from Milford village to East Wilton, to which place it was built and opened 1 December, 1851.

By special orders from the superintendent's office, 31 May, 1866, the station at Danforth's corner is hereafter to be known as Amherst station.

17 February, 1845. Mr. Hardy, having relinquished the sale of intoxicating liquors at his bar and opened his hotel as a temperance house, a number of his friends called upon him that evening and partook of a supper. After the supper was disposed of Rev. Mr. Davis made a brief address to the company. Rev. Messrs. Haynes and Dodge spoke briefly. Songs by the Hutchinson family were interspersed, and all present enjoyed the occasion greatly.

Mr. Daniel F. Stevens also relinquished the sale of ardent spirits at his store about the same time.

At a meeting held 21 January, 1846, the town

"Voted not to instruct the selectmen to license taverners to sell spirituous liquors."

Amherst and some of the neighboring towns were visited by a severe storm of wind, rain, thunder, and lightning, 14 August, 1846, by which much damage was done. Hop poles were blown down and buildings unroofed. At Nashua the storm was still more severe and destructive, being accompanied by hail. Houses were unroofed; trees uprooted, and much glass broken. The storm appears not to have extended over a large area, as there was none in Hollis.

The State tax in 1846 was \$341.40; the county tax, \$24.65.

A considerable shock of an earthquake was felt at five o'clock on the morning of 25 August, 1846. Its course seemed to be from north-west to south-east, and it was noticed in many places in New Hampshire and Massachusetts.

The subject of building a steam grist-mill in the town was agitated as early as 1832, and a meeting was called at Nutt's Hotel, 7 April of that year, for conference in regard to it. Nothing further was done until 1846. In the month of July of that year Samuel B. Melendy, Cyrus Eastman, and Francis Peabody, and their associates, were incorporated as the "Amherst Steam Mill Company," with authority to use a capital not exceeding \$50,000.

The company was organized promptly, and measures were at once taken for the erection of the necessary buildings and machinery for carrying on the business of the corporation. A saw-mill went into operation on the 23d of February, 1847, and a grist-mill on the 1st of May following. Shortly after, a clapboard and shingle mill were completed.

The buildings consisted of a main building, or machine shop, 100 x 40 feet, of three stories, designed for manufacturing purposes; an engine house, 36 x 32 feet; and a

saw-mill, 20 x 76 feet, well timbered, and built in a firm, substantial manner.

The machinery was driven by a 50 horse power engine, having a balance-wheel 16 feet in diameter, with a face of two feet.

In the *Cabinet* we have the following description of the steam mill buildings and machinery :

6 May, 1847. "Amherst steam mill is now in full operation, so far as sawing and grinding is concerned. The saw-mill commenced operations 2d February, and the grist-mill 1 May.

The grist-mill is provided with 3 run of French burr stones,  $4\frac{1}{2}$  feet in diameter; 2 superfine bolts, 18 feet long, 40 inches in diameter; a cob cracker; and a smut-mill.

A clapboard and a shingle mill are nearly completed, and will be in operation in a few days.

Engine house, 36 x 32; saw-mill, 20 x 76; grist-mill, 32 x 34; machine shop, 40 x 100; 3 stones; engine, 50 horse-power, cylinder, 16 inches in diameter; balance-wheel, 16 feet, 2 feet face; 2 boilers, 25 feet long, 42 inches in diameter; 2 return flues, 15 inches in diameter; main belt, 2 feet wide, 110 feet long, connecting balance-wheel with a pulley 65 inches in diameter, on a shaft 26 feet long, which carries the grist and saw mills. Another shaft driven from this shaft, designed to carry the machinery in the machine shop, is 120 feet long, running the whole width of the saw-mill and the whole length of the machine shop."

The undertaking proved an unprofitable one, the expense of operating the establishment being greater than its income justified. The buildings were burned 25 March, 1849.

The second term of the Teachers' Institute of Hillsborough county commenced at the court house 1 November, 1847. William Russell, of Medford, William H. Wells, of Andover, and Lowell Mason, of Boston, were among the teachers. Sixty male and one hundred and three female teachers were enrolled, and the session was an interesting and profitable one. Among those who attended a portion of the time was the veteran teacher, Miss Ann Orr, of Bedford.

The organization of the Hillsborough County Agricultural Society was completed at a meeting held at Hardy's tavern, 8 February, 1848. Dr. Peter P. Woodbury was chosen president; Edward D. Boylston, treasurer; and David Stewart, a member of the executive committee.

This society held a fair at Amherst 1 and 2 October, 1851, which was considered one of the most successful ever held in the county. The *Manchester American*, speaking of it, said—

"It was truly a good time, and one exceedingly encouraging to the friends of agricultural progress. Too much credit cannot well be given to the citizens of Amherst for the way in which their local arrangements were conducted. Every provision for the accommodation of the society was ample. The police was excellent, and every thing was arranged upon a system that left little to wish for."

The *Nashua Telegraph* said "Amherst folks did first-rate."

The society held several fairs subsequently, at various places, but finally disbanded.

In 1849, Ezra Holt, of this town, raised from 175 square rods of ground 134 bushels ears of corn, of the ten rowed variety, 31 bushels of beets and round turnips, 7½ cart loads of pumpkins, 8 bushels potatoes, and 1 bushel white beans.

#### THE FIRE PRECINCT,

As established by the selectmen 21 June, 1850, is as follows:

Commencing at the court house it extends on the road to Daniel Campbell's, 359 rods;

On the New Boston road, 411 rods;

On the Old Turnpike road, 455 rods;

On the road leading by the new burying-ground, 228 rods;

On the road leading by the Timothy Patch place, 351 rods;



On the Milford road, 314 rods ;  
On the old Milford road, 306 rods ;  
On the old Boston road, 260 rods ;  
On the road to Thornton's Ferry, 502 rods ;  
On the Brown road, east, 396 rods ;  
On the Pond parish road, 432 rods ;  
On the Bedford road, 365 rods ;  
On the Dodge road, 524 rods ;

With the outlines running from one to another of these points.

8 July, 1850. A meeting of citizens residing within the limits of the above precinct was held, at which the necessary officers were elected.

The town, at a meeting held 27 April, 1853, voted to repair the fire engine and provide suitable hose for the same, and constituted the board of selectmen a committee to carry the vote into effect.

At the meeting held March, 1856, they

"Voted, that the town will raise a sum not exceeding \$500, when an equal sum shall have been subscribed by the citizens, for the purchase of a fire engine, and chose John F. Whiting, James L. Hardy, and Charles Richardson, a committee to examine and procure an engine."

#### SUPPORT OF PAUPERS.

At a meeting held 8 October, 1850, seven votes were cast in favor of the county farm system, and forty-five against it. Sixty-one votes were given in favor of selling the county farm at Goffstown, and fourteen against it.

The State tax this year was \$352.80 ; the county tax, \$612.76.

79 votes were given in favor of the passage of the "Homestead Exemption" law, and 20 against it, at a town meeting held in March, 1851.

"Bloomer" dresses made their appearance in the spring

of 1851. Mr. Boylston notices the appearance of two at church in "blue, bright, and Hardy."

A raid was made upon the liquors in the Nutt tavern 11 August, 1851, by a party of young men who destroyed them.

A large number of citizens were appointed special policemen to preserve order and suppress the sale of ardent spirits at the fair of the Hillsborough County Agricultural society, 22 September, 1851.

The Nutt tavern having been opened as a temperance house, about one hundred and fifty friends of temperance made the proprietor a visit and partook of a supper, 6 February, 1852. Aaron Lawrence, Esq., presided. Music was furnished by Messrs. Carlton & Hamlet. Addresses were made by the President, Rev. Messrs. Davis and Burroughs, Perley Dodge, Esq., Dr. F. P. Fitch, and Samuel Campbell, Esq., of Mont Vernon. The festivities were brought to a close at ten o'clock by singing "Old Hundred," the whole company standing.

26 votes were given in favor of the passage of "an act for the suppression of drinking houses and tippling shops, and 99 against it, at a meeting held 26 November, 1852.

8 March, 1853, the town instructed the selectmen not to license the sale of ardent spirits, except for mechanical and medicinal purposes, and they were directed to appoint a committee of five persons to prosecute all violations of the liquor law. On the 27th of April following, Richard Boylston, Francis Wright, Elbridge Hardy, and David Fiske, 2d, were appointed as the committee.

There was a great scarcity of silver change in the spring and summer of 1853, not enough being in circulation for ordinary business transactions. The want was soon supplied by the coinage of silver pieces of lighter weight than formerly, pieces of the new emission being distinguished from the older ones by figures of arrow heads on either side of the date. After this the old-fashioned four pence-half

pennies, ninepences, shillings, pistareens, quarters, halves, and milled dollars, of Spanish and Mexican coinage, disappeared from circulation, many of them being badly worn and mutilated, fit only to be melted and re-coined.

25 August, 1853, a beautiful comet was visible in the north-west, a few degrees above the horizon.

The inventory of the estate of Hon. Charles G. Atherton returned to the probate office in December, 1853, amounted to \$162,000, the largest estate ever left in the county at that time.

In March, 1854, William J. Weston, Peter Carlton, Joseph Mace, and Benjamin B. Whiting, were appointed to make a new appraisal of real estate for purposes of taxation.

113 persons were enrolled by the selectmen in April of this year as liable to do military duty.

Twenty-nine males and eleven females were confined in the jail 12 October, 1854. A thriving establishment truly!

The winters of 1855-56 and 1856-57 were very severe. For a period of forty-five days, extending from 25 December, 1855, to 9 February, 1856, the weather was at no time warm enough to melt the snow from the roofs of buildings, even in sheltered situations.

The cold term the next winter extended from 20 December, 1856, to 27 January, 1857, during the whole of which time the snow remained unmelted on the roofs of buildings.

The 23d day of January, 1857, was probably the coldest experienced in New England for a century. A brisk north-west wind prevailed through the day, and the thermometer at no time in the day rose to zero. In the morning and evening it was about 25 degrees below zero; in some places 35.

Hay caps, for protecting hay and grain from storms, came into pretty general use in 1856.

The culture of sorgho for sugar and molasses was commenced by some about this time, but it was soon abandoned.

A mass meeting of the friends of Fremont and Dayton

was held on the plain, 25 September, 1856. It was probably the largest political gathering that ever assembled in town. Delegations were present from Manchester, Nashua, Milford, New Boston, Brookline, Lyndeborough, Merrimack, and other towns. A procession was formed, under the direction of Capt. Daniel Hartshorn, as marshal, which marched to the place of meeting. Charles H. Campbell, Esq., acted as president of the day, and speeches were made by Mason W. Tappan, Daniel Clark, and others. Campaign songs were sung, and general enthusiasm prevailed.

Two hundred guns were fired by the Democrats of this town, 21 November, 1856, in honor of the election of Mr. Buchanan.

The old "Read store," long a noted place of business on the plain, was taken down in May of this year.

16 August, 1858. The first message by the ocean telegraph to England was transmitted to-day. On the receipt of the news the bells in town were rung, and in the evening many houses on the plain were illuminated.

#### CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION.

At the annual meeting 8 March, 1859, the town

"Resolved that the town of Amherst will at some suitable day in January, in the year of our Lord 1860, celebrate the one hundredth anniversary of the incorporation of the town, and that the selectmen, with such others as they may add, be a committee to make such arrangements and appropriations as they may think proper and suitable for the occasion."

4 October, 1859. The new engine company appeared for the first time in their new uniform—red jackets, blue collars, front belts, and caps. A beautiful banner was presented to them by Miss H. J. Nutt, in behalf of the ladies of the town.

There was frost in every month of this year. On the night of 6 June there was a severe one in most of the

Northern and North-western states. At Portsmouth, it is said, enough to form a ball the size of a hen's egg was collected from a surface a yard square.

The selectmen, Perley Dodge, Barnabas B. David, Edward D. Boylston, Charles H. Campbell, and David Stewart, were appointed a committee to make arrangements for the observance of the one hundredth anniversary of the incorporation of the town, 18 January, 1760.

On account of the inclement season at which the anniversary occurred, it was judged best to defer its celebration until a more favorable season of the year. Accordingly the 30th day of May, 1860 was selected for the purpose, and an invitation was extended to the towns of Milford and Mont Vernon, formerly parts of Amherst, to unite with the parent town in the observances of the day. The invitation was accepted by the town of Milford at the annual meeting held 10 March, 1860, but declined by the town of Mont Vernon.

The centennial of the first town meeting, 20 February, 1760, was celebrated by the citizens of the town, who assembled in large numbers in the town-hall under the Congregational church, on the evening of the 20th of February, 1860. Charles H. Campbell, Esq., presided, and prayer was offered by Rev. J. G. Davis. Music of ye ancient times was performed by a choir clad in appropriate costume. The ancient fire-place, of ample dimensions, with ye settle for ye younge folks near by was re-produced, and the ample supply of bean porridge, furnished by ye "blackie cove," in attendance, together with other substantial refreshments popular in the days of the fathers and mothers, were partaken of. Old documents were read, and the Todd family appeared, doing marvelous things in the way of cobbling, spinning wool, flax, etc. At the close an invitation was extended to all present to attend the next centennial celebration, the assurance being given that the latch string would be left out for all on that occasion!

30 May, 1860, the centennial of the incorporation of the town was commemorated. A procession was formed at 10 o'clock, near the court-house, under the direction of Capt. Daniel Hartshorn, in the following order :

Marshal,  
Manchester Cornet Band,  
Lawrence Engine Company,  
Committee of Arrangements,  
Chaplain and Orator,  
Invited Guests,  
Selectmen of Amherst, Milford, and Mont Vernon,  
Citizens of Amherst, Milford, and Mont Vernon.

On the arrival of the procession at the stand on the common, after order had been restored, prayer was offered by the chaplain. The town charter was read by William A. Mack, Esq. This was followed by music from the band, and an address by Hon. Horace Greeley, of New York, a native of the town. At the conclusion of the address the procession was reformed and marched to the town-hall, where a dinner was partaken of.

After the close of the performances in the hall, the company returned to the stand on the common, where speeches, sentiments, etc., were in order.

A severe storm of wind, rain, and snow occurred 7 February, 1861. The morning of that day was mild and rainy. Toward noon the wind rose, and at night increased to a gale. The next morning was one of the coldest ever experienced here, the thermometer standing at  $-36^{\circ}$ , a change of  $66^{\circ}$  in twenty-four hours.

The State tax paid by the town this year was \$339.50; county tax, \$648.55.

In June a magnificent comet made its appearance in the northwest, and remained visible several weeks.

7 June the town Union flag on the common was hung at

half mast, and the bell tolled during the hour appointed for the funeral of Hon. Stephen A. Douglas.

25 June leave was granted by the selectmen to such persons as might subscribe for the same, to build a reservoir on the common, the control of which should be under the direction of those who contributed to its building.

The Fifth regiment N. H. Vols. was composed of one company from each of the counties in the State. The company from Hillsborough County was commanded by Capt. Charles E. Hapgood, of Amherst, and went into camp 25 September, 1861.

11 March, 1862, the town voted that the next inventory of taxable property in town should be sworn to by the owners of same.

4 July, 1862. Independence day was celebrated by the sunday-schools and citizens of the town generally. A procession was formed on the common, which marched to the Atherton grove, where the eatables and drinkables provided for the occasion were disposed of, after which addresses were made, and songs were sung by the children. Another "good time" was had at the town-hall in the evening, where songs were sung, tableaux presented, etc.

12 August, 1862. Voted on an act providing for removing the trial terms of the courts and the county offices of the county of Hillsborough from the town of Amherst. In favor of the act, 1; against it, 269.

28 March, 1863. Voted that the selectmen be authorized to audit and settle the account for expenses incurred in defeating the bill attempted to be passed at the last session of the legislature, for removing the courts and county records from this town.

State tax paid by the town this year, \$1,309.50; county tax, \$756.64.

15 February, 1864. The town Union flag having been destroyed, the young ladies of the place held a fair to raise the means of purchasing another, which being accom-

plished, the flag was this afternoon presented to the Republican club, to be used as a Union flag and for no other purpose. After the presentation of the flag by Miss H. J. Nutt and its reception by John F. Whiting, it was raised to its place. Speeches were made by E. D. Boylston, J. G. Davis, W. B. Clark, and E. B. Richardson. A sentiment from Dr. F. P. Fitch, president of the bachelor's club, complimenting the ladies for their gift, was received with cheers. The club and the citizens then united in singing "The Star Spangled Banner." Three cheers were given for the speakers, and three times three for the flag, at the close of which the town-clock, as if entering into the spirit of the occasion, struck the hour of three, which was followed by three cheers for the loyal town-clock.

In the evening the party assembled at the residence of E. D. Boylston, where, after partaking of a bountiful repast prepared by the club, toasts and sentiments were in order.

8 March, 1864. The selectmen were directed to provide a suitable place for keeping the fire engine and apparatus, for which they were authorized to expend a sum of money not exceeding \$300.

State tax, 1864, \$2,425.00 ; county tax, \$756.64.

State tax, 1865, \$3,892.50 ; county tax, \$927.52.

A great rain storm occurred on the sixth and seventh days of March, 1864, which caused quite a freshet in the Souhegan and its tributaries. In this storm the Chickering bridge was so badly washed that it fell in, and had to be rebuilt.

#### " SOLID " MEN AND WOMEN IN AMHERST, 1866.

Incomes as sworn to by internal revenue tax-payers.

Aaron Lawrence,	\$6,600	Perley Dodge,	\$1,845
Mary Boylston,	2,481	Rufus Converse,	1,697
Harrison Eaton,	2,200	George W. Moore,	1,363
Charles H. Campbell,	2,188	George W. Fletcher,	1,221
Charles Converse,	2,106	Josiah G. Davis,	1,210



Francis P. Fitch,	1,122	Samuel Ober,	1,066
George A. Ramsdell,	1,099	Hollis E. Abbot,	1,007
J. O. Pulsifer,	1,076	Daniel S. Perkins,	1,000

The Amherst Hotel company, incorporated in June, 1866, was organized 31 December, 1866, by the choice of Charles Richardson, Jotham Hartshorn, Harrison Eaton, John F. Whiting, and William A. Mack, directors, and George F. Stevens, clerk.

22 December, 1866, the town voted—19 to 24—to subscribe \$4,000 to the stock for building the hotel, agreeably to the provisions of an act approved 6 July, 1866, on condition that an equal amount of stock be subscribed and paid for by individuals.

The hotel was formally opened to the public 29 April, 1869, by Mr. D. E. Chamberlin, the lessee, who took possession the 9th day of March preceding. About 300 ladies and gentlemen were present from this and the neighboring towns, who passed a very pleasant evening. Music was furnished by the Hollis Cornet band, and the company was entertained with songs by Miss Helen A. Russell.

The hotel stood on the south side of the common, on the site of the old "Stewart" house, which had been removed to another locality.

The main building was 70 x 36 feet, three stories high; adjoining it, running south, was an ell, 60 x 30 feet, also three stories in height. Two piazzas extended the entire length of the main building in front. The whole expense of the building, at the time of the opening, had been \$20,000.

The house was kept for some years by Mr. Chamberlin. After he left, it was kept one year under the charge of Harrison Eaton, Esq., one of the board of directors of the company, when it was sold to Marshall Davis. By him it was sold to Thomas Saunders, who afterward sold it to C. A. Shaw, of Boston.

It was burnt on the morning of 25 January, 1876.

Sunday, 15 July, 1866, the sum of one hundred dollars was contributed in the Congregational church for the relief of the sufferers from the recent fire in Portland, Maine.

At the annual meeting in March, 1867, the town voted on the question of abolishing pauper settlements in towns. In favor, 1; against, 197.

The old "Stewart" house, which was saved from the fire of 2 December, 1863, by which the surrounding buildings were burnt, was moved in September, 1867, to the site of the Nutt tavern, west of the turnpike, the old tavern buildings there having been burnt 1 July, 1865.

23 June, 1867. John Doyle, of New Boston, was killed at Wilton in a melee with Thomas Broderick, a resident on "the Acre," in Amherst. Doyle formerly lived in Amherst, and served in the 10th N. H. Vols. in the civil war. In October following Broderick was sentenced to one year's imprisonment.

Francis Wright raised an ear of corn this year on which were 1,264 kernels.

Decoration day was observed in this town for the first time, 29 May, 1868.

No greater rain fall has been experienced in Amherst for a century than that which took place on the third and fourth days of October, 1869. Between seven and eight inches of water fell in the course of forty-eight hours, and, at the close of the storm, most of the roads were so badly washed as to be impassable. A vast amount of property, consisting of dams, bridges, mills, etc., was swept away.

#### REPAIRING THE COURT HOUSE.

At a meeting held 3 November, 1868, the selectmen were appointed a committee to confer with the county commissioners relative to the acceptance of the court house, keeping it in repair and in a fit condition to accommodate the courts, on condition of receiving the rents that might be received from its use.

9 August, 1870. Edward S. Cutter, Edwin R. Burt, and Thomas M. Harvell, were chosen a committee to examine the title of the town to the court house and ascertain the amount of money necessary to be expended to put the house in a suitable condition for the accommodation of the courts, town meetings, etc.

6 September, 1870. This committee made a verbal report in regard to the title, and recommended the enlargement of the court room to the full size of the building, raising the walls of the ells to the same height as those of the main building, erecting a stairway in the north ell, and putting the roof of the house in complete repair, the whole of which they estimated could be done for twelve hundred dollars.

The report was accepted and adopted, and Perley Dodge, Edwin R. Burt, and Harrison Eaton, were appointed a committee, with full powers to make the proposed alterations and improvements.

A survey for a railroad having been made between Danforth's corner and King's mills, in New Boston, a distance of  $11\frac{1}{2}$  miles, and the route being found feasible, the town, at a meeting held 2 January, 1869, voted to give the road the right of way across the town farm, the use of the ledge on the farm, and gravel for building the road. It was also voted—180 to 66—to take stock in the road to the amount of five per cent. of the valuation of the town.

22 January, 1869. The town of Mont Vernon, after once refusing to aid in the construction of the road, voted, at a meeting held this day.—109 to 48,—to take stock in the road to the amount of five per cent. of its valuation last spring.

Post O. W. Lull, Grand Army of the Republic, decorated the graves of their fallen comrades at Milford and Amherst, 10 June, 1869. After decorating the graves of the soldiers in Milford, the Post, at 1 o'clock P. M., proceeded to Amherst, where they were met and escorted by Lawrence

engine company, Capt. Gilbert Small. An oration was delivered from the band stand on the common by Col. Carroll D. Wright, of Boston, and brief addresses were made by Bainbridge Wadleigh, Esq., and Lieut. Humphrey Ramsdell, of Milford, the performances being interspersed with singing by the members of the Amherst High school. At the conclusion of the services the company was entertained at the court house by the ladies of the town.

12 March, 1872, the selectmen were instructed to provide a room in the court house to be used as a "lock up," in which to imprison offenders against the police regulations of the town.

At this meeting the selectmen were instructed to build an engine house, at an expense not exceeding \$900. And it was voted to exempt from taxation, for a term of ten years, the capital and buildings of manufacturers who may hereafter locate in this town, whose annual sales from the products of their business shall exceed \$5,000.

8 May, 1873, the town voted to lease the granite ledge on the pauper farm for a term of years not exceeding five, and the selectmen were authorized to give the lease.

At a meeting held 30 October, 1875, the town voted to defend an action brought against them by Henry M. Fairfield to its final termination.

#### 4 JULY, 1876. NATIONAL CENTENNIAL ANNIVERSARY.

The day was observed in Amherst by the ringing of bells and the firing of guns at sunrise and again at sunset. The day was cloudless, and the landscape clothed with the richest verdure, and all classes seemed intent on rejoicing.

A basket picnic at Babboosuck pond, under the auspices of the Souhegan Grange, was attended by a large company of farmers residing in Amherst and Milford. The grove presented a very lively and pleasing aspect with its happy groups of well-dressed families. These festivities, so in harmony with the habits of an agri-

cultural population, were followed by more formal public services in the town-hall, in the evening, which were conducted wholly by citizens of the town. Before the hour of meeting the hall was filled with an enthusiastic company of ladies and gentlemen and a generous representation of boys and girls. The assembly was called to order by A. A. Rotch, who had previously been requested to preside.

Prayer was offered by Rev. J. G. Davis, pastor of the Congregational church, when the exercises were opened by the president of the evening, in a comprehensive but concise survey of the great changes in the history of the nation, indicating the nature and course of the country's progress during the century. The address was well conceived, and prepared the way for the reading of the Declaration of Independence, by Mr. Arthur Fletcher, and the pleasing variety of songs, recitations, dialogues, patriotic and humorous, which occupied the following hour. The stage at the end of the hall was profusely and tastefully decorated with flags, flowers, and suitable emblems. The states of the Union were personified by ladies dressed in white, with sashes of red and blue, an attractive and graceful array of youth and beauty.

At the call of the president, Levi J. Secomb, Esq., spoke briefly of his interest in the celebration, and alluded with much feeling to the yet nameless and almost unknown grave of John Purple, a Hessian soldier, who deserted from the British army and enlisted in the service of the colonies. He died in Amherst some years after the close of the Revolution. Mr. Secomb expressed a strong desire that a stone might be erected by our citizens to commemorate the resting place of this good soldier. The next speaker, Dea. B. B. David, spoke of our indebtedness to the men and women of the Revolutionary period for what they endured in the cause of civil liberty, illustrating his position by quotations from the price current which Mrs. John Adams sent to her husband in Europe, stating the enor-

mous prices paid for food and clothing of the commonest grades in Boston. Dr. B. H. Bartlett moved that some record be made of these proceedings, of which he was an active projector. The motion, which was cordially seconded by several voices, was unanimously adopted. The Rev. J. G. Davis spoke at some length of the reasons for the important part taken by the citizens of Amherst in the conflict with Great Britain. No town in the State has a more noble record, as it furnished more troops in proportion to its population than any other. The descendants of such men should not allow the memory of their fathers to pass into forgetfulness. They set their country above all personal interests and ambitions, and if we emulate their patriotism and other virtues, the next Centennial will witness yet greater achievements, and a more elevated and genuine prosperity than we enjoy.

The addresses were enlivened by spirited and patriotic songs given at intervals by Mrs. Hattie Walker, Mrs. Susie Eaton, and Miss Abby Bosworth.

The assembly adjourned at an early hour, after uniting in singing "My Country, 't is of Thee," with fine effect.

In October of this year the selectmen received the following communication from members of the "Amherst Musical Association":

*To the Selectmen of Amherst:*

We, the undersigned, members of the "Amherst Musical Association," and owners, collectively, of our piano-forte, being desirous that the same be placed where it may be a public benefit, and in a measure thus compensate those who aided the association in its purchase, do hereby give and present to the town of Amherst the said piano-forte, upon condition that said town of Amherst shall keep it in its town-hall, or where it shall be accessible for public gatherings there, and that it shall never be sold or disposed of by said town, or removed therefrom, and that the town shall keep it in order and be entitled to all rentals from its use. We also request that a copy of this paper be placed upon the record books of the town, that no misunderstanding may ever arise.

Francis R. Boutell,	Emma L. Clark,
M. B. Peabody,	Geo. W. Bosworth,
Mrs. L. A. Eaton,	Susie A. Eaton,
Helen B. Rotch,	Edward D. Boylston,
Laura A. Riddell,	A. A. Rotch,
S. M. Stewart,	Fannie A. Boylston,
Henry M. Parker,	Albert F. Boutelle,
Lizzie G. Lawrence,	Laura S. Osgood,
W. D. Forsaith,	L. B. Myrick,
Geo. W. Osgood,	Anna Kent,
H. E. Woodbury,	Rebecca A. Davis,
D. D. McKean,	J. G. Davis,
H. C. Dodge,	M. W. Richardson.
C. M. L. Bartlett, by L. G. L.,	

October 7, 1876.

*To the Amherst Musical Association :*

The town of Amherst accepts your generous offer of a piano on the conditions above specified.

By

THOMAS JONES,	} <i>Selectmen of Amherst.</i>
AARON S. WILKINS,	
ISAAC B. DODGE,	

13 March, 1877, the town voted to repeal the vote passed 12 March, 1872, exempting property invested in manufacturing establishments from taxation in certain cases, but provided that this action should not affect any manufacturers who had already availed themselves of the privileges granted by that vote.

12 March, 1878, the selectmen were authorized to borrow a sum of money not exceeding \$2,800 to settle the liabilities of the town in the "Fairfield Case."

11 March, 1879. The town voted to accept the library owned by the Amherst Library Association, and establish and maintain the same, by suitable appropriations, as a public library for the use of the citizens of Amherst, agreeably to the provisions of Chapter 46 of the General Statutes of New Hampshire. The sum of \$75 was voted for the library, and the selectmen and superintending school committee were

instructed to make all necessary rules for its use and maintenance.

At the annual meeting 9 March, 1880, \$100 was appropriated for the payment of the librarian and for additions to the library; and the last year's board of selectmen and and superintending school committee were appointed a committee to nominate and report to the meeting a board of trustees for said library, two of whom should serve one year; two, two years; and two, three years.

In accordance with the report of this committee, Josiah G. Davis and Mrs. P. W. Dodge were elected trustees to serve one year; J. Edward Upton and Mrs. Samuel D. Herrick, to serve two years; and James F. Weston and Lucretia B. Myrick, to serve three years.

The sum of \$50 was voted toward defraying the expenses of Decoration day.

A motion made that the present school district system be abolished in this town was rejected—yeas, 79; nays, 94.

Voted, with but one dissenting voice, that the sum of \$500 be raised and appropriated to aid in the publication of a history of the town of Amherst, now in the course of preparation by Daniel F. Secomb, Esq., of Concord, to be paid when the work is completed.

The selectmen were authorized to purchase a road building machine if they deemed it expedient so to do.

Francis W. Holbrook, Thomas M. Harvell, and Joel H. Fisher, were appointed a committee to investigate the management of the town farm and suggest any changes in the same that may seem to them to be desirable and report to the town at some future time.

Voted not to allow school district No. 2 to be annexed to Milford, and voted \$70 from the treasury to assist in the maintenance of its schools.

Albert A. Rotch, John H. Coggin, and Charles A. Riddle, were appointed by the selectmen a committee to draw



the appropriation for Decoration day and expend the same as their judgment might dictate.

2 November, 1880. On the bill providing for "minority representation," there were in favor, 8 ; opposed, 63.

A report was submitted at this meeting by the committee appointed to investigate matters at the town farm, which was accepted and the committee discharged.

March, 1881. The town appropriated \$100 for the payment of the librarian and the purchase of books for the town library.

\$50 was voted Post Charles H. Phelps, G. A. R., to be used on Decoration day.

A remarkable dark day, similar to the one noticed in May, 1780, occurred 6 September, 1881. A peculiar yellowish color of the sky was noticed early in the morning, which increased in intensity to such a degree that at noon it was necessary to use artificial lights in houses and shops. The darkness began to abate at about five o'clock P. M. The vapor or smoke at times was so intense as to wholly obscure the sun. At intervals it was visible and appeared of a deep red color. Lamps and fires when lighted shone with a perfectly white light, and the green foliage of the trees and grass was intensified in color, and presented a singular appearance.

The receipts of the town treasury for the year ending 1 March, 1882, including a balance of \$1,026 on hand, amounted to \$15,526.65, of which \$1,851.31 was received from the savings bank tax, \$303.85 from the railroad tax, \$131.15 from the literary fund, and \$70 from the income of the Lawrence fund for common schools. The taxes assessed amounted to \$8,573.

Expenditures for the same time amounted to \$13,986.49, of which was paid for the support of schools, \$2,727.97 ; roads and bridges, \$1,397.54 ; State tax, \$1,844 ; county tax, \$1,406.73. The town debt, over and above available assets, was reported to be \$562.19.

List of voters in Amherst, as corrected by the supervisors of elections and used at the annual town meeting 14 March, 1882. Names in SMALL CAPS were on the check-list used at the annual meeting in March, 1843—45 in all.

Abbott, Franklin	Brown, Augustus W.
Aiken, Edward	BROWN, WILLIAM
Aiken, Edward C.	BROWN, WILLIAM 2d
Ainsworth, Israel	Buckley, Daniel
Alexander, William E.	Buckley, Dennis
Annis, Alvaro F.	Buckley, Patrick
Atkinson, Robert	Burnham, Charles H.
Atwood, John	Burns, Daniel
Ayer, Simon	Burt, Edwin K.
Baldwin, John	Burt, Edwin R.
Barrett, Charles M.	Butterfield, Benjamin F.
BARRETT, PHILIP S.	Butterfield, Joseph
Barry, James	Cady, Nathan
Barry, William	Caldwell, Edward A.
Batchelder, Ira A.	CALDWELL, ISAAC F.
BENNETT, ALDEN B.	Carleton, John
Berry, Edward	Carr, Lorenzo
Berry, Isaiah S.	Carter, James O.
Bills, Arthur A.	Carter, Oliver
Bills, Freeman C.	Chace, Frank W.
Bills, Jabez F.	Chickering, Albert E.
Bills, Lucius F.	Clark, Charles C.
Blood, George H.	Clark, Charles J.
Bosworth, George W.	Clark, Edward G.
BOUTELLE, FRANCIS K.	Clark, John H.
Boutelle, Henry R.	Clark, William
Boutelle, Horace S.	Clark, William D.
Boutelle, James C.	Clark, William R.
Boutelle, John A.	Coburn, Leon O.
BOUTELLE, ROBERT	Cochran, James
BOYLSTON, EDWARD D.	Coggin, John H.
Brahaney, Patrick	Coggin, Luther
Breed, Henry A.	Colby, Charles C.
Braman, Cornelius	Colby, Sylvester J.
Brockway, Hosea W.	Colcord, Edward J.
Broderick, James H.	Colston, Fred
Brown, Albert P.	Colston, William H.

CONVERSE, CHARLES  
Converse, Charles, jr.  
Converse, Eben  
Converse, Luther B.  
Converse, Robert  
COOMBS, ISAAC  
Cram, Daniel W.  
Crooker, Carroll J.  
Cross, Cyrus  
Cross, William L.  
DANFORTH, GEORGE  
DAVID, BARNABAS B.  
DAVID, JOHN O.  
Davis, Charles L.  
Davis, Edson  
Davis, Herman V.  
Davis, Josiah G.  
Day, Henry C.  
Dinsmore, Walter H.  
Dodge, Charles W.  
Dodge, Henry C.  
Dodge, Isaac B.  
DODGE, PERLEY  
Dodge, Perley W.  
Doyle, Jeremiah J.  
Doyle, John  
Doyle, John, jr.  
Doyle, Patrick  
Druker, Joseph H.  
Duncklee, Porter  
Eaton, George S.  
EATON, HARRISON  
Eaton, Harry G.  
Eaton, Samuel  
Farley, George E.  
Fay, Joseph B.  
FELTON, HIRAM G.  
Fields, Edwin  
Fisher, Joel F.  
Fletcher, Daniel A.  
Fletcher, John  
Fletcher, John P.  
Flint, Butler P.

Ford, Frederick  
Forsaith, Wilson D.  
Fowle, Joseph E.  
George, Nathaniel H.  
Gill, Charles  
Gilson, Frank O.  
Gilson, Luke  
Gilson, Stephen H.  
Goss, John R.  
Gould, John  
Grater, Charles E.  
Green, Franklin C.  
Hanson, John A.  
Hanson, Joseph F.  
Hardy, Arthur  
Harris, Henry A.  
Hartshorn, Frank  
Hartshorn, George R.  
Harvell, John H.  
HARVELL, THOMAS M.  
Hassell, George R.  
Hassell, Joseph H.  
Haseltine, James G.  
Haseltine, John E.  
Heath, Alvin  
Herrick, Frank P.  
Herrick, George W.  
Herrick, Samuel D.  
HILDRETH JOHN H.  
Hill, Alonzo  
Hill, Arthur H.  
Hill, Bradford A.  
Hill, Granville S.  
Hodgman, George  
Hodgman, John P.  
Hodkins, Edward  
Holbrook, Francis W.  
Holbrook, Frank A.  
Holbrook, George E.  
Holden, George W.  
Holt, Edwin M.  
Holt, George E.  
Holt, Israel H.

Holt, Nathan K.	Marble, Benjamin
Hopkins, David	Marvell, Daniel K.
HOWARD, HERBERT	Maxwell, Francis
HOWARD, LEVI	MELENDY, BRYANT
Hubbard, Eugene C.	MELENDY, CHARLES
Hubbard, William H.	Melendy, Daniel W.
Hutchinson, Isaiah	Melendy, James
Hutchinson, Justin E.	Melendy, John H.
Jackson, James M.	MELENDY, LUTHER
Jennison, Edwin P.	Melendy, Nathaniel M.
JEFSON, BENJAMIN	Melendy, William
Jess, Robert	Merrill, B. Frank
Jewett, George W.	Merrill, Benjamin F.
Jones, Ephraim W.	Merrill, Charles
Jones, Peter W.	Meserve, Eben
JONES, TIMOTHY	Millard, John F.
Jones, Thomas	Mooar, William
Kelly, Patrick	Moor, James R.
Kent, George	Morse, John I.
Keyes, Horace W.	Mullen, John
Kidder, Andrew J.	Mullen, Michael
Kinson, Charles H.	Newton, Frank S.
KNIGHT, JONATHAN	Nourse, James P.
Knight, Robert S.	Noyes, Alfred
Leavitt, Frank	Noyes, Edward A.
Leavitt Michael,	Noyes, Frank W.
Leavitt, Michael, jr.	Noyes, Frederick A.
Leland, Willis D.	NOYES, WILLIAM
Longa, Charles H.	Ober, John A.
Lovejoy, Leander	OBER, SAMUEL
Lovejoy, William	O'Connell, John
Lowe, Albert N.	O'Connell, Thomas
Lowe, Newton	Odell, Pliny F.
Lowe, Walter D.	O'Donnell, Patrick
Lynch, George F.	Osgood, George W.
Mace, Frank W.	OSGOOD, JOEL F.
Mack, William A.	Osgood, Joel F., jr.
McConihe, John H.	Parker, Arthur H.
McIntire, Horatio	Parker, Charles
McKay, Charles H.	Parker, Charles S.
McKay, John	Parker, George E.
McKean, Isaac P.	Parker, Granville
Mahan, Richard	Parker, Granville, jr.

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| Parker, Henry M.      | Rotch, Albert A.     |
| Parker, Isaac         | Rotch, William B.    |
| PARKER, THOMAS B.     | Russ, Isaac J.       |
| Parkhurst, Ephraim A. | Russell, William F.  |
| PARKHURST, HENRY      | Ryan, Bart           |
| Parkhurst, Henry H.   | Ryan, James T.       |
| Parkhurst, James S.   | Ryan, James W.       |
| Parkhurst, Silas P.   | Sampson, John        |
| PARKHURST, SPAULDING  | Sargent, Charles B.  |
| Peabody, Charles A.   | Sargent, Enoch P.    |
| Peabody, Daniel A.    | Sargent, Frank       |
| Peacock, John G.      | Sargent, Shepton M.  |
| PEACOCK, EZRA W.      | Sargent, Thomas D.   |
| Peacock, Rufus A.     | Sargent, William B.  |
| Peaslee, William S.   | SAWTELLE, ELI        |
| Phelps, Frank A.      | Sawtelle, Eli A.     |
| Phelps, Frank P.      | Sawyer, Andrew F.    |
| Phelps, Horace        | Secomb, Charles      |
| Philbrick, Albert M.  | Secomb, Henry W.     |
| Philbrick, Freeman M. | SECOMB, LEVI J.      |
| Philbrick, John C.    | Shaffer, Oscar       |
| Pratt, William        | SHAW, GEORGE H.      |
| Prince, Calvin        | Sheehan, Daniel H.   |
| Prince, Charles A.    | Sheehan, Jeremiah    |
| Prince, James U.      | Shemard, Robert      |
| Prince, John M.       | Shepard, Alonzo P.   |
| Prince, Rodney        | Shepard, Andrew N.   |
| Prince, Solomon       | Shepley, Chester     |
| Prince, Wilder J.     | Shoram, Frank        |
| Pulsifer, Jeremiah O. | Skinner, Appleton J. |
| PUTNAM, ELIJAH        | SKINNER, JOSHUA F.   |
| Putnam, George W.     | Skully, John         |
| Ranger, Ebenezer      | Sloan, George        |
| Rhoads, Albert        | Small, George        |
| Rhoads, David H.      | Small, Gilbert       |
| RHOADS, WARREN        | Smith, Charles E.    |
| Rhoads, William       | Smith, George E.     |
| Richardson, Charles   | SMITH, LANGDON       |
| Riddle, Charles A.    | Snow, William        |
| Rideout, Abel T.      | Staples, Alphonzo E. |
| Riley, Owen           | Staples, Levi        |
| Robbins, George E.    | Staples, Samuel E.   |
| Roby, Ira             | STEARNS, HIRAM D.    |

Stearns, James B.  
STEWART, WILLIAM  
Stevens, Alpheus  
Stickney, Timothy J.  
Trow, Clarence L.  
Trow, Daniel W.  
Trow, Joseph P.  
Upham, Jacob B.  
Upham, John H.  
Upton, Jeremiah  
Upton, J. Edward  
Walker, Charles M.  
WALKER, GEORGE  
Walker, George K.  
Wallace, John  
Walton, Benjamin F.  
Webster, James F.  
Webster, James P.  
West, Henry  
Weston, James F.  
Wheeler, Benjamin

Wheeler, Charles P.  
Wheeler, Henry  
Wheeler, Nathan C.  
White, Charles H.  
White, Charles S.  
WHITING, BENJAMIN B.  
Whiting, Benjamin F.  
Wilkins, Aaron S.  
Wilkins, Charles E.  
Wilkins, Frank E.  
Wilkins, George H.  
Wilkins, Milton A.  
WILKINS, SAMUEL  
Wilkins, Samuel F.  
Wilson, Jacob  
Woods, William R.  
Woodward, Aaron B.  
Worcester, Frank  
Wright, Charles F.  
Wright, Francis

## CHAPTER X.

## STATISTICS.

POPULATION OF THE TOWN AT DIFFERENT PERIODS.—HEADS OF FAMILIES, AND NUMBER OF PERSONS IN EACH FAMILY, 1820.—MORTUARY STATISTICS.—DEATHS IN 1842.—PERSONS BETWEEN 80 AND 90 YEARS OF AGE WHO HAVE DIED SINCE 1782.—NONAGENARIANS.—CENTENARIANS.—AGRICULTURAL STATISTICS.—TOWN DEBT AT DIFFERENT TIMES.—PROPORTION OF STATE TAX.—MANUFACTURING STATISTICS OF HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY, 1809.—MODERATORS OF THE ANNUAL TOWN MEETINGS.—TOWN CLERKS.—SELECTMEN.—SUPERVISORS OF ELECTIONS.—COMPENSATION OF SELECTMEN.—REPRESENTATIVES IN THE GENERAL COURT.—DECEASE OF TOWN OFFICERS SINCE 1775.—JUSTICES OF THE PEACE.—VOTES FOR PRESIDENTS AND GOVERNORS OF THE STATE SINCE 1784.—CHECK-LIST USED AT THE ANNUAL MEETING IN MARCH, 1843, AND DECEASE OF VOTERS.—CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTIONS.

## POPULATION.

Fourteen families were settled in town at the time of Mr. Wilkins's ordination, 23 September, 1741.

"Thirty-five families, in which were fifty-eight men above sixteen years old, remained in town 13 May, 1747."

The whole population of the town in

1767	was	858	1790	was	2,369	1840	was	1,565
1773		1,370	1800		2,150	1850		1,613
1775		1,428	1810		1,554	1860		1,508
1783		1,909	1820		1,622	1870		1,353
1786		1,912	1830		1,657	1880		1,225

In 1767 there were	421	males and	437	females.
1773 " "	692	" "	678	" "
1775 " "	697	white males and	747	white females.
1790 " "	1,147	" " "	1,204	" "
1800	sexes not given in census.			
1810 there were	760	white males and	784	white females.
1820 " "	779	males and	843	females.
1830 " "	809	white males and	842	white females.
1840 " "	735	males and	830	females.
1850 " "	777	" "	836	" "
1860 " "	710	" "	798	" "
1870 " "	644	" "	709	" "
1880 " "	596	" "	629	" "

The number of families in 1810 was 235 ; in 1820, 281 ; in 1850, 328 ; in 1860, 345 ; in 1870, 355 ; in 1880, 338.

Average number of persons in each family in 1810,  $6\frac{1}{2}$  ; in 1880,  $3\frac{1}{2}$ .

Of the inhabitants in 1880, 965 were natives of New Hampshire, 118 of Massachusetts, 27 of Maine, 21 of Vermont, 16 of New York, 4 of Pennsylvania, 3 of Connecticut, 2 of Wisconsin ; one each of New Jersey, Kentucky, Minnesota, and California ; 52 of Ireland, 8 of England, 3 of Canada, and one each of Germany and Scotland.

The population of the village precinct in 1880 was 434 ; of the outer districts, 791. In the precinct were 181 males and 253 females. In the outer districts were 415 males and 376 females.

The whole white population of the town in 1830 was 1,651. The whole population of the town in 1880 was 1,225, a loss in fifty years of 426. •

Of the whole population in 1830, 1,259 were under forty years of age and 392 were forty years old and upward.

Of the whole population in 1880, 704 were under forty years of age, and 521 were forty years old and upward, showing a *loss* of 555 in the population under forty years of age, and a *gain* of 129 in the population forty years old and upward, in fifty years.



In the censuses of 1767 and 1773 the ages of some of the inhabitants, and the number of each sex, are given as follows :

MALES.			
	1767	1773	
Boys of 16 years old and under,	200	330	
Unmarried men between 16 and 60 years,	63	109	
Married " " " "	135	237	
Men above 60 years,	17	13	
Slaves,	2	2	
FEMALES.			
Unmarried,	270	412	
Married,	147	245	
Widows,	18	19	
Slaves,	2	2	

In the census of 1775 the population is classified as follows :

Boys under 16 years old,	343
Men 16 years old and under 50, not in the army,	200
Men 50 years old and upward,	53
Men in the army,	81
Females,	747
Colored persons—sex not stated,	4

In the census of 1790 the population was not classified.

In 1800 there were 31 colored persons in the First parish. Of whites, 630 were under 16 years of age, and 809, 16 years old and upward.

At the same time there were 2 colored persons in the Second parish, 325 white persons, under 16 years of age, and 353, 16 years old and upward.

In 1810 and 1820 the white population was classified thus :

MALES.		
	1810	1820
Under 16 years of age,	359	328
Of 16 and under 26 years,	148	151
Of 26 and under 45 years,	130	141
Of 45 years and upward,	123	158

## FEMALES.

Under 16 years of age,	336	316
Of 16 and under 26 years,	153	176
Of 26 and under 45 years,	130	141
Of 45 years and upward,	150	163

In 1830, 1840, 1850, 1860, 1870, and 1880, the different classes of population were as follows :

## MALES.

	1830	1840	1850	1860	1870	1880
Under 20 years of age,	429	345	334	265	237	222
Of 20 and under 40 years,	204	200	211	198	156	131
Of 40 and under 60 years,	110	115	155	158	151	134
Of 60 years and upward,	66	75	77	89	100	109

## FEMALES.

Under 20 years of age,	384	370	332	267	233	182
Of 20 and under 40 years,	242	224	235	233	191	169
Of 40 and under 60 years,	127	156	166	178	164	148
Of 60 years and upward,	89	80	103	120	121	130

In 1790 Portsmouth, Rochester, Londonderry, Barrington, and Gilmanton, only, of the towns in the State, had a greater population than Amherst. In 1880, 78 cities and towns had a larger population.

In the census of 1783 the selectmen stated that there were in town 259 dwelling-houses and 247 barns. In 1820 404 of the inhabitants were engaged in agriculture ; 122 in manufactures ; and 10 in trade. The ministers, doctors, and lawyers, were classed as manufacturers !

The censuses of 1767, 1778, 1775, 1783, and 1786, were taken by the selectmen ; those of 1790, 1800, and 1810, by Col. Daniel Warner ; that of 1820, by Capt. John Secombe ; 1830, by Stephen Peabody, Esq. ; 1850, by Robert Moore, Esq. ; 1860, by Charles Richardson, Esq. ; 1870, by J. Abbott Marsh, Esq. ; 1880, by Isaac Brooks Dodge, Esq.

Copies of the censuses of 1810 and 1820 may be found in the library of the N. H. Historical Society ; of those of

1850, 1860, and 1870, in the State library at Concord ; and 1880, in the office of the clerk of the courts of Hillsborough county, Nashua.

Heads of families and number of persons in each family,  
1 August, 1820 :

	No. Persons.		
		Daniel Campbell,	1
John Alcock,	9	Daniel Campbell, jr.,	8
Jane Alld,	2	Moses Carlton,	3
Elizabeth Appleton,	6	Michael Carter,	2
John Arbuckle,	5	James Cash,	3
Charles H. Atherton,	8	Isaac Chickering,	10
Jeremiah Barnard,	6	Calvin Clark,	3
Solomon Barron,	4	Daniel Clark,	11
Archelaus Batchelder,	3	Ebenezer Clark,	5
Rachel Batchelder,	3	Ezra Clark,	8
James Bell,	9	Timothy Clark,	2
Ebenezer Bills,	7	Clifton Clagett,	11
Jasper Blake,	3	John Cochran,	6
Samuel Blake,	5	Isaac Colby,	9
Ephraim Blanchard,	6	Isaac Combs,	5
James Blanchard,	5	Ebenezer Converse,	9
Lemuel Blood,	6	Josiah Converse,	10
Rufus Blood,	2	Robert Converse,	2
John Blunt,	6	Melzar Crooker,	8
Joseph Boutell,	7	Joseph Crosby,	9
Joseph Boutell, jr.,	4	Porter Crosby,	5
Luther Boutell,	2	Nancy Curtis,	5
Lilly E. Boutell,	2	Samuel Curtis,	5
Abraham Boutell,	4	Benjamin Damon,	6
Caleb Boutell,	11	Stephen Damon,	4
Lucy Bowers,	1	Warren Damon,	5
Richard Boylston,	10	Luther Dana,	4
William Bradbury,	6	Jacob Danforth,	10
John Bragg,	5	Timothy Danforth,	10
Isaac Brooks,	6	Samuel Davis,	3
William Brown,	4	Thomas M. Dickey,	7
William Brown, jr.,	10	Bartholomew Dodge,	2
William Brown, 3d,	4	Bartholomew Dodge, jr.,	9
Stephen Butler,	3	Levi Dodge,	4
Alexander Caldwell,	5	David Dunklee,	2
David Caldwell,	8	Jacob Dunklee,	7
Josiah Caldwell,	4	Jacob Durant,	3

Nathan J. Durant,	6 Mary W. Hildreth,	1
John Dutton,	3 Samuel Hildreth,	5
Cyrus Eastman,	5 Moses Hills,	5
John Eaton,	6 David Holmes,	7
Amos Elliott,	6 Sarah M. Holmes,	6
Andrew Elliott,	6 Joseph Hood,	9
Roger Elliott,	2 Henry Howard,	6
Rebekah Farley,	5 Josiah Howard,	3
Elisha Felton,	6 Amos Hubbard,	7
Francis Fields,	6 John Jewett,	6
Samuel Fields,	4 Joseph Jewett,	6
David Fisk,	5 Josiah Jewett,	9
William Fisk,	10 Nathaniel Jewett,	4
Samuel Fletcher,	5 Timothy Jones,	2
Calvin Flint,	5 Thomas Kearney,	12
Sarah Flint,	2 John Kehew,	8
Jonathan Foster,	6 Nathan Kendall,	8
Ephraim French,	4 Stephen Kendall,	6
Frederick French,	6 Benjamin Kendrick,	8
Israel Fuller,	7 Josiah Kidder,	3
John Fuller,	7 Ebenezer Kimball,	3
Nathan Fuller,	6 Jacob Kimball,	4
Robert Gibson,	5 Henry Kimball,	3
Samuel Gibson,	2 Holton Kimball,	3
James Gilmore,	3 Mansfield King,	9
James Gilmore, jr.,	7 Joseph Knowlton,	6
Jesse Gilmore,	9 Joseph Lakeman,	6
Ephraim Goss,	8 Eben Lawrence,	12
Francis Grater,	7 Andrew Leavitt,	5
Zaccheus Greeley,	6 Benjamin Leavitt,	5
Amos Green,	12 John Leavitt,	4
Daniel Hartshorn,	7 Joseph Leavitt,	6
Edward Hartshorn,	4 Nathan Lord,	7
James Hartshorn,	5 Jonathan Lovejoy,	9
John Hartshorn,	4 Stephen Lovejoy,	9
John Hartshorn, jr.,	5 Sarah Low,	4
William Hartshorn,	2 William Low,	3
Joseph Harvill,	10 Asa McCluer,	3
John Haselton,	8 James C. Mace,	7
Anna Henchman,	2 Salathiel Manning,	6
David Hildreth,	4 David McG. Means,	14
Hannah Hildreth,	4 Robert Means,	8
Jacob Hildreth,	7 Nathaniel Melendy,	8

Thomas Melendy,	4	John Seaton,	4
William Melendy,	13	Nathan K. Seaton,	2
David Melvin,	6	David Secombe,	3
David Melvin, jr.,	3	John Secombe,	6
Horatio Merrill,	11	Nathan Shattuck,	10
Hugh Moore,	10	Nathaniel Shattuck,	8
Joseph Morrison,	3	Benjamin Shepard,	6
Daniel Moulton,	4	James Shepard,	10
Joseph Nichols,	5	John Shepard,	4
Leonard T. Nichols,	2	John Shepard, jr.,	8
Timothy Nichols,	5	Lummus Shepard,	6
Moses Noyes,	7	Mercy Shepard,	2
Moses Noyes, jr.,	3	Samuel Shepard,	4
Silas Noyes,	6	James Sloan,	4
John Ober,	9	Amelia Smith,	7
Luther Odall,	4	Jedediah K. Smith,	4
William Odall,	2	Maverick Smith,	8
Rufus Orcutt,	3	Joseph Spalding,	6
Benjamin Parker,	8	Matthias Spalding,	9
Edmund Parker,	5	Patience Stanley,	1
Isaac Parker,	8	Eleazer Stearns,	3
Joseph Parker,	4	James Stearns,	12
Didymus Pearsons,	8	Oren Stearns,	3
John Patterson,	3	Reuben Stearns,	9
William Peacock,	2	Zaccheus Stearns,	7
William Peacock, jr.,	9	Daniel Stevens,	6
Amos Phelps,	8	David Stewart,	12
Susannah Phelps,	2	Moses B. Stewart,	5
Loea Pratt,	8	Sewall Stratton,	9
Abel Prince,	7	Cyrus Styles,	4
George Prince,	7	Ebenezer Taylor,	10
Solomon Prince,	10	John Taylor,	2
John Purple,	3	Joel F. Thayer,	3
Elijah Putnam,	6	Jonathan Thayer,	6
John Putnam,	5	Elias Thomas,	3
Joseph Putnam,	4	George Thomas,	5
James Ray,	11	Israel Thomas,	7
Robert Read,	5	Oliver Thompson,	4
William Read,	7	William Towne,	7
Polly Remington,	4	Amos Truel,	2
Eleazer Rhoads,	9	Amos Truel, jr.,	8
Charles Richardson,	6	Moses Truel,	5
William Roby,	6	Samuel Truel,	5

Willard Truel,	3	John Whitcomb,	9
James Tuttle,	9	Ira Whiting,	5
Thomas Underwood,	7	Nathaniel Whiting,	7
Amos Upham,	7	George Wiley,	3
Jacob Upham,	4	John Wiley,	5
Nathan Upham,	10	Robert Wiley,	5
Phineas Upham,	9	Aaron Wilkins,	2
William Wakefield,	5	Benjamin Wilkins,	5
Dimond Warren,	8	Jotham Wilkins,	7
Betsy Washer,	2	Samuel Wilkins,	7
Dorcas Wellington,	1	Jonathan Wilson,	7
Ebenezer Weston,	6	Mary Wilson,	7
Isaac Weston,	6	Joseph Winn,	4
Daniel Wheeler,	5	Ezra Woolson,	4
John Wheeler,	5	Nathaniel Woolson,	3
John N. Wheeler,	7	Thomas Woolson,	2
Jonathan Wheeler,	4	Nathaniel Woodbury,	7
Timothy Wheeler, jr.,	10	Foster Wyatt,	3

## MORTUARY STATISTICS.

The whole number of deaths in Amherst from 1 January, 1805, to 1 January, 1837, 32 years, was 814, of which there were

Under 1 year of age,	110	Of 50 and under 60 years,	47
Of 1 and under 5 years,	146	60	70
5	10	31	70
10	20	57	80
20	30	93	90
30	40	43	100
40	50	55	100 and over,
			Ages unknown,
			10

The greatest mortality in any year was in 1826,—53.

The least mortality in any year was in 1811,—9.

From 1 January, 1841, to 1 January, 1857, the whole number of deaths was 444: of these there were

Under 1 year,	52	Of 50 and under 60 years,	33
Of 1 and under 5 years,	49	60	70
5	10	10	70
10	20	28	80
20	30	34	90
30	40	42	90
40	50	32	100
			Over 100,
			1

Of the above, 204 were males, and 240 were females.

The greatest mortality in any year was in 1854,—35.

The least mortality in any year was in 1844,—20.

An unusual number of aged people died in the year 1842, as the following list of deaths in that year will show :

Emily Bailey, aged	19 years.	Sally J. Hills,	20½ years
Luke H. Bills,	1½	George Howard,	34
Marinda Bills,	28	Peter Jones,	80
Jane Caldwell,	90	Rebecca Jewett,	73
Susan Campbell,	63	Lydia Kimball,	70
Margaret Claggett,	77	Joseph Knowlton,	75
Joseph Crosby,	89	Thomas Melendy,	93½
Albert F. David,	1	Susannah Moore,	70
Adam Dickey,	60	Martha E. Parker,	½
Levi Dodge,	72	Didymus Pearsons,	76
Jacob Dunclee,	72	Jane Pearsons,	30
Sophia Elliott,	46	Mary Phelps,	28
Ambrose Gould,	65	John Purple,	98
Dea. John Hartshorn,	83	Reuben Stearns,	73
Betsy Haseltine,	57	Joseph Winn,	30

Whole number of deaths, 30. Eighteen of those who died were over 60 year of age.

#### LONGEVITY.

Octogenarians who have died in Amherst since 1782 :

1782, 4 Aug., John Burns,	80
1788, 23 Feb., Joseph Steel,	82
1789, 28 Nov., Lt. Joseph Prince,	88
1791, 22 Nov., Israel Towne,	86
1795, 19 May, Dea. Joseph Boutell,	88
1797, 16 Jan., Wid. Keturah Stewart,	82
1802, 9 Dec., Lydia Wilkins,	83
1803, 5 May, Jonathan Wilkins,	83
1803, 11 Sept., Robert Read,	83
1803, 20 Oct., Benjamin Pike,	81
1803, 27 Oct., Widow Flint,	80
1803, 22 Dec., Benjamin Wilkins,	80
1804, 17 April, Mrs. Pettingill,	85
1806, 30 Aug., Daniel Stevens,	84

1807, 22 Feb., Philo Talbot,	84
13 Dec., Nathan Fuller,	87
1810, 2 Oct., John Stearns,	84
1811, 7 May, Lucy Ellsworth,	89
8 July, Eleazer Usher,	85
25 Aug., Hannah Lovejoy,	84
1812, 20 Feb., Dorcas Stevens,	80
3 March, William Odell,	85
20 May, Zaccheus Stearns,	81
1813, 12 Feb., William Melendy,	83
13 Nov., Benjamin Kendrick,	88
1814, 28 Jan., Mrs. Stearns,	80
20 Aug., Elizabeth Truel,	88
30 Dec., Lydia Wilkins,	85
1815, 4 Feb., Elizabeth Gibson,	87
23 May, Elizabeth Stevens,	83
28 Oct., Mary Riddle,	86
1817, 24 Jan., Phebe Odell,	85
23 April, Andrew Shannon,	89
30 Dec., Martha Fuller,	83
Lucy Barron,	83
1818, 27 May, Sarah Kendrick,	88
1819, 2 June, Mrs. Davis,	87
12 Aug., Kendall Boutell,	84
30 Nov., Samuel Gibson,	86
1821, 17 Feb., Ebenezer Kimball,	81
6 April, John Harvell,	85
1822, 2 Oct., Elizabeth Kimball,	88
April, Amos Truel,	83
25 Dec., Phebe Elliott,	88
Lucy Shepard,	83
1823, 24 Jan., Col. Robert Means,	80
Dec., Lieut. Archelaus Batchelder,	84
1825, 19 Feb., John Brown,	89
James Gilmore,	86
William Brown,	86
1826, 3 March, Patience Lovejoy,	85
13 Aug., David Dunclee,	80
13 Oct., Joseph Parker,	82
1827, April, Jerusha Dodge,	83
15 Dec., Isaac Parker,	82
22 Dec., Mary Converse,	87



1828,	Mrs. Usher,	.	.	.	.	.
	30 Dec., Lucy Pollard,	.	.	.	.	.
1829,	16 Dec., Lieut. John Patterson,	.	.	.	.	.
1830,	26 May, John Hartshorn,	.	.	.	.	.
1831,	25 March, David Hildreth,	.	.	.	.	.
	1 June, Hannah Weston,	.	.	.	.	.
	24 Aug., Cyrus Stiles,	.	.	.	.	.
	22 Oct., Mrs. Fowle,	.	.	.	.	.
	5 Nov., Elizabeth Whitney,	.	.	.	.	.
1832,	20 Feb., Phebe Jewett,	.	.	.	.	.
	9 Nov., Mrs. Joseph Prince,	.	.	.	.	.
1833,	29 March, Mrs. Elizabeth Warner,	.	.	.	.	.
	24 May, John Cochran,	.	.	.	.	.
	Mrs. Hassel,	.	.	.	.	.
	Hannah Holt,	.	.	.	.	.
	12 Oct., Deborah Barnard,	.	.	.	.	.
1834,	9 April, Timothy Carlton,	.	.	.	.	.
	10 May, Mrs. Lewis,	.	.	.	.	.
	22 June, Sarah Richards,	.	.	.	.	.
	3 Sept., Elizabeth Pollard,	.	.	.	.	.
	10 Oct., William Read,	.	.	.	.	.
1835,	15 Jan., Rev. Jeremiah Barnard,	.	.	.	.	.
	12 Jan., Capt. Samuel Shepard,	.	.	.	.	.
1836,	8 April, Miss Mary Herrick,	.	.	.	.	.
	3 Oct., Dea. John Seaton,	.	.	.	.	.
	Nov., Mary Hildreth,	.	.	.	.	.
	27 Nov., John Blunt,	.	.	.	.	.
1837,	27 Feb., Mary Taylor,	.	.	.	.	.
	25 March, Lydia Wilkins,	.	.	.	.	.
1838,	16 Jan., Elizabeth Shepard,	.	.	.	.	.
	6 June, Abel Prince,	.	.	.	.	.
	2 Nov., Timothy Hartshorn,	.	.	.	.	.
	10 Nov., Ebenezer Sargent,	.	.	.	.	.
1839,	6 Jan., Phebe Duncklee,	.	.	.	.	.
	24 March, Mary Dodge,	.	.	.	.	.
	29 March, John Arbuckle,	.	.	.	.	.
	4 July, Dorcas Wilkins,	.	.	.	.	.
	17 Dec., Aaron Boutell,	.	.	.	.	.
1840,	Sept., Sarah Hartshorn,	.	.	.	.	.
	21 Dec., Isaac Brooks,	.	.	.	.	.
1841,	16 July, Sarah Kendall,	.	.	.	.	.
1842,	18 March, Lydia Davis,	.	.	.	.	.
	10 Oct., Joseph Crosby,	.	.	.	.	.

	11 Oct., Peter Jones, . . . . .	80
	28 Nov., Dea. John Hartshorn, . . . . .	83
1843,	23 June, David Fisk, . . . . .	86
	18 Aug., Sarah Weston, . . . . .	86
	9 Dec., Jonathan Lovejoy, . . . . .	82
1844,	7 Sept., Mary Melvin, . . . . .	80
	16 Sept., Ezra Woolson, . . . . .	80
	28 Nov., Mrs. Joshua Clark, . . . . .	88
1845,	20 Sept., Josiah Parker, . . . . .	85
1846,	9 March, Eleazer Stearns, . . . . .	80
	11 June, Ebenezer Weston, . . . . .	84
	23 Aug., Lydia Wheeler, . . . . .	84
	12 Nov., Benjamin Damon, . . . . .	86
1847,	10 May, Elizabeth Melendy, . . . . .	86
	23 Dec., Azubah Munroe, . . . . .	87
1848,	21 April, Polly Truel, . . . . .	84
	18 July, Nathaniel Melendy, . . . . .	89
	22 Aug., Priscilla Gardner, . . . . .	82
	1 Sept., Mrs. Jane Ellsworth, . . . . .	86
	26 Nov., Sarah Kinson, . . . . .	85
1849,	6 March, Mrs. Hannah Bills, . . . . .	83
	1 April, Jacob Upham, . . . . .	83
	29 April, Sarah Upham, . . . . .	80
	July, Sarah Dunclee, . . . . .	80
	1 Aug., Jacob Kimball, . . . . .	81
	17 Sept., Joseph Nichols, . . . . .	87
	Dec., Hannah Elliott, . . . . .	85
	20 Dec., Hannah French, . . . . .	85
1850,	Sarah Hardy, . . . . .	85
	2 Feb., Martha Aiken, . . . . .	86
1851,	30 March, Joseph Lakeman, . . . . .	85
	14 Aug., Roger Elliott, . . . . .	87
	15 Nov., Jacob Danforth, . . . . .	85
1852,	28 Sept., Hannah Stiles, . . . . .	83
1853,	12 Aug., Lucy Clark, . . . . .	81
1854,	15 Jan., James Stearns, . . . . .	80
	7 March, Hugh Moore, . . . . .	88
	5 July, Mercy Gilmore, . . . . .	88
1855,	20 March, Rebecca W. Clark, . . . . .	83
	6 April, Mary Howard, . . . . .	86
	15 June, Joseph Hood, . . . . .	84
	27 June, Eleazer Rhoads, . . . . .	84
1856,	29 July, Sally Noyes, . . . . .	84

1856,	10 Aug.,	Joseph Winn,	.	.	.	.	.
1858,	28 Aug.,	Jonathan Herrick,	.	.	.	.	.
1859,	6 Jan.,	Phebe Duncklee,	.	.	.	.	.
	18 Dec.,	Mary P. Barnett,	.	.	.	.	.
1860,	1 Feb.,	Amos Green,	.	.	.	.	.
		Rebecca Eames,	.	.	.	.	.
	18 Oct.,	Deborah Herrick,	.	.	.	.	.
		Elizabeth Ford,	.	.	.	.	.
1861,	20 Feb.,	Henry Parkhurst,	.	.	.	.	.
	3 March,	Amos Phelps,	.	.	.	.	.
	3 Aug.,	Eunice Dodge,	.	.	.	.	.
	17 Aug.,	Huldah Peacock,	.	.	.	.	.
	25 Aug.,	Ebenezer Converse,	.	.	.	.	.
1862,	30 June,	Aaron Wilkins,	.	.	.	.	.
	25 Oct.,	John Moor,	.	.	.	.	.
	27 Dec.,	Rebecca W. Spalding,	.	.	.	.	.
1863,		Hannah Carlton,	.	.	.	.	.
	2 June,	Lydia Stearns,	.	.	.	.	.
	22 Dec.,	James Tarbox,	.	.	.	.	.
1864,	23 Feb.,	Israel Fuller,	.	.	.	.	.
	28 March,	Mary Blunt,	.	.	.	.	.
1865,	5 Aug.,	John Haseltine,	.	.	.	.	.
	8 Nov.,	Miss Mary Hartshorn,	.	.	.	.	.
1866,		Elizabeth Shepard,	.	.	.	.	.
	1 Oct.,	Mary Chapman,	.	.	.	.	.
	5 Nov.,	Mary Boylston,	.	.	.	.	.
1867,	8 Jan.,	David Lowe,	.	.	.	.	.
1868,	26 March,	Henry Abbott,	.	.	.	.	.
	20 July,	Mary W. Hubbard,	.	.	.	.	.
1869,	23 Jan.,	Isaac Weston,	.	.	.	.	.
	28 June,	Abigail Gilson,	.	.	.	.	.
	21 July,	Simeon C. Danforth,	.	.	.	.	.
1870,		Elizabeth Prescott,	.	.	.	.	.
	20 June,	Isaac Wheeler,	.	.	.	.	.
	11 Aug.,	Tabitha Brown,	.	.	.	.	.
	9 Oct.,	Benjamin Hastings,	.	.	.	.	.
1871,	9 Jan.,	Pamelia Brown,	.	.	.	.	.
	15 April,	Henry Howard,	.	.	.	.	.
	18 April,	Mehitable Weston,	.	.	.	.	.
1872,	27 Aug.,	Hannah A. Mack,	.	.	.	.	.
1873,	1 April,	Susan Claggett,	.	.	.	.	.
		Dudley Carlton,	.	.	.	.	.
1874,	27 May,	Joseph Fowle,	.	.	.	.	.

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1874, 26 Aug., Betsy Prince,	.	.	.	.	88
17 Sept., Hepsibah Wallace,	.	.	.	.	80
1875, 8 Feb., Thaddeus M. Fuller,	.	.	.	.	88
Betsy C. Gay,	.	.	.	.	81
4 April, Betsy Kimball,	.	.	.	.	87
6 Nov., Polly Howard,	.	.	.	.	86
1 Oct., Lemuel Bartlett,	.	.	.	.	81
8 Nov., Lucy Wright,	.	.	.	.	82
1876, 7 Jan., Lucy David,	.	.	.	.	87
Lucinda Langley,	.	.	.	.	81
19 March, Hannah S. Downe,	.	.	.	.	89
1 April, Luther Elliott,	.	.	.	.	82
3 April, Joseph Vaughn,	.	.	.	.	81
4 Oct., Janette Swan,	.	.	.	.	86
1877, 20 Feb., Betsy E. Orcutt,	.	.	.	.	82
8 Aug., Miss Hepsibah Melendy,	.	.	.	.	86
21 Nov., Miss Eunice W. Stearns,	.	.	.	.	85
Zadoc Farmer,	.	.	.	.	80
3 Dec., Oliver Thompson,	.	.	.	.	87
1878, 18 May, William Wetherbee,	.	.	.	.	80
15 Dec., Sarah E. Thompson,	.	.	.	.	88
1879, 28 Jan., Miss Eliza H. Stiles,	.	.	.	.	81
1880, 20 March, Miss Betsy Melendy,	.	.	.	.	85
5 Aug., Dea. Daniel Cram,	.	.	.	.	81
18 Aug., Willard Holden,	.	.	.	.	87
30 Aug., David Stewart,	.	.	.	.	81
1882, 7 Jan., David Russell,	.	.	.	.	84
5 Feb., Foster Wyatt,	.	.	.	.	86

## NONAGENARIANS.

Died.

1795, April, Miss Rebecca Boutell,	.	.	.	.	90
1803, 2 Sept., Grace Towne,	.	.	.	.	96
1806, 20 June, Sarah Burdett,	.	.	.	.	94
1808, 19 July, Hannah Boutell,	.	.	.	.	95
1809, Sept., Sarah Stewart,	.	.	.	.	91
1816, 30 Jan., John Brown,	.	.	.	.	95
1818, Phineas Lund,	.	.	.	.	95
1822, 28 Nov., Benjamin Davis,	.	.	.	.	98
1823, 9 Jan., Samuel Badger,	.	.	.	.	90
29 June, Elizabeth Prince,	.	.	.	.	98
1 July, Nathaniel Woodbury,	.	.	.	.	94
10 Sept., Thomas Woolson,	.	.	.	.	93

1824,	3 Aug.,	Joanna Woolson,	.	.	.	.
1826,	8 April,	Robert Converse,	..	.	.	.
1827,	14 May,	Mrs. Bullard,	.	.	.	.
1829,	15 Jan.,	Mrs. Truel,	.	.	.	.
1831,	24 May,	Mary Alexander,	.	.	.	.
1832,	27 Dec.,	Dea. Samuel Wilkins,	.	.	.	.
1834,	May,	Widow Lewis,	.	.	.	.
1838,	3 Aug.,	Miss Mercy Hosea,	.	.	.	.
	Aug.,	Nancy Ellsworth,	.	.	.	.
	7 Oct.,	Daniel Campbell, Esq.,	.	.	.	.
1840,		Abigail Peacock,	.	.	.	.
1841,	2 Oct.,	Hannah Underwood,	.	.	.	.
	4 Sept.,	Mrs. Rachel Keiff,	.	.	.	.
1842,	6 Jan.,	John Purple,	.	.	.	.
	28 Nov.,	Thomas Melendy,	.	.	.	.
		Jane Caldwell,	.	.	.	.
1843,	17 Dec.,	Miss Janette Hogg,	.	.	.	.
1845,	3 Jan.,	Francis Grater,	.	.	.	.
	27 March,	Mrs. Eben Webster,	.	.	.	.
1846,	11 Aug.,	Nathan Kendall,	.	.	.	.
	29 Aug.,	Andrew Leavitt,	.	.	.	.
1848,	13 April,	Patience Stanley,	.	.	.	.
	1 Sept.,	Anna Kimball,	.	.	.	.
1850,	28 July,	Nancy Putnam,	.	.	.	.
1853,	4 Sept.,	Olive Lovejoy,	.	.	.	.
1854,	22 Aug.,	Edward Hartshorn,	.	.	.	.
1856,	Aug.,	Daniel Clark,	.	.	.	.
1859,	18 April,	Moses Noyes,	.	.	.	.
1860,		Betsy Merrill,	.	.	.	.
		Julia Haley,	.	.	.	.
1861,	5 Feb.,	Joseph Putnam,	.	.	.	.
1863,	3 Dec.,	Solomon Prince,	.	.	.	.
1865,	22 May,	Dr. Matthias Spalding,	.	.	.	.
1874,	16 June,	Sally Ober,	.	.	.	.
1875,	11 July,	Loea Pratt,	.	.	.	.
1877,	25 Nov.,	Sarah Caldwell,	.	.	.	.
1881,	24 March,	Saul Austin,	.	.	.	.
	24 Nov.,	Betsy Lowe,	.	.	.	.
1882,	29 Jan.,	David Fisk,	.	.	.	.

## CENTENARIANS.

## Died.

1805,	1 Dec.,	Hannah (Austin) Lovejoy,	.	.	.
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1823, 13 Oct., Mary (Holman) Barnard,	100 yrs., 6 mos.
1851, 11 Jan., Hepsibah (Holt) Hartshorn, .	103 yrs., 7 mos.
1850, 15 Sept., Miss Lydia Barnard, .	102
1875, Anah (Bathrick) Goss, .	105 yrs., 1 mo.
All natives of Massachusetts.	

## AGRICULTURAL STATISTICS.

From the U. S. census.

CASH VALUE OF	1840	1850	1860	1870	1880
Farms,	not given.	\$322,700	\$410,630	\$410,675	\$507,370
Tools and machinery,	"	12,855	17,846	23,775	21,113
NUMBER OF					
Horses,	263	165	205	246	283
Working oxen,	not given.	220	214	126	62
Milch cows,	"	498	677	627	735
Other neat cattle,	"	525	696	417	526
Sheep,	1,045	468	206	237	117
Swine,	724	389	323	271	271

## FARM PRODUCTS.

NO BUSHELS.	1839	1849	1859	1869	1879
Indian corn,	9,039	7,713	11,955	8,628	9,383
Wheat,	653	324	1,022	692	568
Rye,	3,732	2,249	1,581	560	202
Oats,	5,283	3,539	5,868	3,604	2,151
Barley,	576	47	192	196	7
Buckwheat,	451	72	181	70	21
Peas and beans,	not given.	316	417	316	400
Potatoes,	20,277	12,870	13,113	16,501	10,252
No. tons hay,	2,529	2,721	3,070	3,151	3,462
pounds hops,	7,649	6,508	2,060		
" butter,	not given.	34,652	43,560	36,665	43,612
" cheese,	"	8,779	8,740	2,150	630
gallons milk sold	"	not given.	not given.	80,350	153,395
Value of orchard products,	"	\$747	\$3,028	\$5,089	\$4,680

The numbers of various kinds of farm stock returned by the selectmen as taxed in several years were as follows :

	1819	1820	1827	1828	1831	1832
Horses, 2 yrs. old and upward,	151	147	154	159	193	197
Oxen.	244	253	272	310	335	348
Cows,	463	498	466	477	518	514
Sheep,					1,029	1,153

## THE TOWN DEBT

In March, 1781, was reported to be	£3,046, 8s., 7d.
“ 1832, owing to the purchase of the pauper farm,	\$3,068.22
“ 1836, it was reduced to	1,397.42
“ 1843, increased by building roads, and land damage,	4,958.18
“ 1853, reduced to	664.26
“ 1861, at the commencement of the civil war.	4,927.90
“ 1868, the greatest amount ever reported,	28,309.19
“ 1872, reduced by payments made by the U. S. and State to	5,131.99
“ 1875,	1,251.06
“ 1881,	392.52

## TAXATION.

Of every £1,000 or \$1,000 raised by the state or county, the town of Amherst paid under the apportionment of

1773	£19 7s. d.	1820	\$6.57	1852	\$6.13
1777	18 6 3	1824	6.57	1856	5.09
1780	17 10 10½	1828	6.17	1860	4.85
1789	16 4 4	1832	5.92	1864	5.19
1794	11 7 2	1836	6.64	1868	5.11
1803	\$6.83	1840	6.42	1872	4.63
1808	5.37	1844	5.69	1876	4.46
1812	5.94	1848	5.88	1879	4.61
1816	6.94				

In 1773 Amherst ranked as the seventh town in the Province in valuation; in 1879 as the thirty-ninth in the State.

The poll tax in Amherst in 1871 was \$4.05, and the rate of taxation was \$2.70 per \$100. 16 tax-payers paid over \$100 each, and 59 paid between \$50 and \$100 each. P. W. Jones, the highest tax-payer, paid \$324.38.

In 1797 the poll tax was 78 cents, exclusive of the highway tax.

Statistics of manufactures and manufacturing establishments in Hillsborough county in 1809. From the census of 1810.

No. yards cotton cloth, made in families, . . . . .	221,000
No. yards mixed goods, . . . . .	80,700
No. yards flaxen goods, . . . . .	512,000
No. yards woolen goods, . . . . .	243,000
No. yards blended and unnamed cloths and stuffs, . . . . .	100,000
Value of all kinds of cloths and stuffs made, . . . . .	\$568,350
No. of looms in the county, . . . . .	5,544

There were in the county eight cotton manufactories, at which cotton yarn was manufactured.

Thirty-two carding machines, at which 144,200 pounds of wool were carded, valued at \$72,100.

Thirty-seven fulling mills, at which 127,000 yards cloth were "fulled;" 5,250 wool and mixed hats, and 3820 fur hats were made; the whole valued at \$18,600.

One forge, which produced 10 tons of iron.

Six trip hammers.

Five nail manufactories, at which 12 tons of nails were made, valued at \$2,520.

Fifty-eight tanneries, at which 271,704 pounds of leather were manufactured, valued at \$67,917.

Two oil mills, which made \$6,000 gallons of oil, valued at \$7,134; one paper-mill, at which \$12,000 worth of paper was made; and two distilleries, which produced 5,000 gallons of spirits, valued at \$3,750.

## POLITICAL STATISTICS.

### MODERATORS OF THE ANNUAL TOWN MEETINGS.

John Goffe, 1760.

William Peabody, 1761, '62, '64, '65, '66, '76.

Ebenezer Lyon, 1763.

Moses Nichols, 1767, '69, '70, '71, '73, '77.

Robert Read, 1768.

Samuel McKean, 1772.

Benjamin Kenrick, 1774.

Daniel Campbell, 1775, '88.

Nahum Baldwin, 1778.

Josiah Crosby, 1779.

Samuel Wilkins, 1780, '81, '82, '83, '84, '89, '93, '97.

John Shepard, jr., 1785, '86, '87, '90, '94.

Samuel Dana, 1791, '92, '95.

William Gordon, 1796.

Daniel Warner, 1798.



Jonathan Smith, 1799, 1801, '02.

Robert Means, 1800, '08, '09.

Jedediah K. Smith, 1833, '04, '05, '06, '07, '11, '12, '13, '14, '17, '23, '24.

John Secombe, 1810, '16, '25, '26, '27, '28, '29, '30, '31, '32, '33, '34, '36, '37.

Charles H. Atherton, 1815, '38, '40, '41.

Edmund Parker, 1818, '19, '20, '21, '22, '35.

Hubbard Newton, 1839.

Daniel Campbell, jr., 1842, '43, '44.

David Stewart, 1845, '46.

Levi J. Secomb, 1847, '48, '49, '52, '55.

Lemuel N. Pattee, 1850, '51.

Perley Dodge, 1853, '54.

Charles H. Campbell, 1856, '57, '58, '59, '61, '62, '63, '64, '66.

Charles B. Tuttle, 1830, '65.

William A. Mack, 1867, '68, '69, '70, '71, '72, '73, '74.

Bradley H. Bartlett, 1875, '76.

Brooks R. Came, 1877.

Joseph Byron Fay, 1878, '79.

Geo. W. Bosworth, 1880, '81.

Frank P. Mace, 1882.

#### TOWN-CLERKS.

Solomon Hutchinson, 1760, '61.

John Shepard, jr., 1762, '63, '64, '65, '66, '67, '68, '70, '71, '72.

Thomas Wakefield, 1769, '79, '80, '81, '82, '83.

Moses Nichols, 1773.

Samuel Wilkins, 1774, '75, '76, '77, '84, '85, '86, '87, '88, '89.

Nahum Baldwin, 1778.

Joshua Lovejoy, 1790, '91, '92, '93.

William Fisk, 1794, '95, '96, '97, '98, '99, 1800, '01, '02, '03, '04, '05, '06, '07, '08, '09, '10, '11.

John Ellenwood, 1812, '13, '14.

Robert Read, 1815, '16, '17, '18, '19, '20, '21, '22, '23, '24, '25, '26, '27.

James Colburn, 1828.

Ambrose Seaton, 1829.

John Prentiss, 1830, '31.

Andrew Wallace, 1832, '33, '34, '35, '36.

Charles L. Stewart, 1837 to 16 Sept., 1838.

David Stewart, 16 Sept., 1838, '39, '40, '41, '42.

David Russell, 1843, '44, '45, '46, '47, '48.

Lemuel Bissell, 1849.

Albert Hardy, 1850 to 23 June, 1851.  
 Charles B. Tuttle, 23 June, 1851, to March, 1852.  
 Daniel A. Fletcher, 1852, '53, '54, '55, '56.  
 Charles B. Tuttle, 1857.  
 Charles H. Wallace, 1858 to 9 Oct.  
 Charles B. Tuttle, 9 Oct., 1858, to March, 1859.  
 Daniel Fletcher, 1859, '60.  
 George F. Stevens, 1861, '62, '63, '64, '65, '66, '67.  
 Charles N. Merrill, 1868 to 8 Dec.  
 Albert A. Rotch, 8 Dec., 1868, to March, 1869.  
 Joseph B. Fay, 1869, '70, '71.  
 Wilson D. Forsaith, 1872, '73.  
 Albert A. Rotch, 1874, '75, '76, '77, '78, '79, '80, '81, '82.

## SELECTMEN.

Solomon Hutchinson, 1760, '62.  
 William Bradford, 1760.  
 Reuben Mussey, 1760, '61, '69, '70, '71, '76, '77.  
 Joseph Gould, 1760, '76.  
 Thomas Clark, 1760.  
 William Peabody, 1761, '62.  
 John Shepard, jr., 1761, '62, '63, '64, '65, '66, '67, '68, '70, '71, '72, '83.  
 Thomas Wakefield, 1761, '62, '63, '64, '65, '66, '67, '68, '69, '70, '71, '76,  
 '77, '78, '79, '80, '81, '82, '83, '84, '85, '86.  
 Robert Read, 1761, '62, '63, '64, '68.  
 Daniel Campbell, 1763, '64, '70, '71, '74, '75, '80, '81, '82, '83, '87, '88,  
 '89.  
 Samuel Stewart, 1763.  
 John Graham, 1764.  
 Andrew Bradford, 1765.  
 Moses Nichols, 1765, '68, '73.  
 Nathan Kendall, 1765.  
 Samuel McKean, 1766, '72.  
 Benjamin Taylor, 1766, '67, '69.  
 James Seaton, 1766, '79.  
 Ebenezer Weston, 1767, '74, '75, '81, '82.  
 Hezekiah Lovejoy, 1767.  
 Samuel Wilkins, 1768, '73, '74, '75, '76, '77, '80, '82, '83, '84, '85, '86,  
 '87, '88, '89.  
 Israel Towne, jr., 1769, '73, '80.  
 Nahum Baldwin, 1769, '78.  
 Stephen Peabody, 1770, '72, '73, '79.

Benjamin Kenrick, 1771.  
Thomas Burns, 1772, '85, '86, '87.  
John Patterson, 1773.  
Josiah Crosby, 1774, '75, '77.  
Stephen Washer, 1774.  
Peter Woodbury, 1775, '75.  
Solomon Kittredge, 1777.  
Amos Flint, 1778.  
John Harvill, 1778.  
John Burns, 1778.  
Nathan Hutchinson, 1779.  
Timothy Smith, 1779.  
Benjamin Davis, 1780, '81.  
Eli Wilkins, 1781, '82, '83, '84, '85, '86, '87, '88.  
Joshua Lovejoy, 1784, '85, '86, '87, '90, '91.  
Augustus Blanchard, 1784.  
David Danforth, 1788, '89, '94, '95, '96, '97, '98.  
Benjamin Hutchinson, 1788, '90, '91, '92, '93.  
Abijah Wilkins, 1789, '90, '91.  
George Burns, 1789.  
William Fisk, 1790, '91, '92, '93, '94, '95, '96, '97, '98, '99, 1800, '01  
    '02, '03, '04, '05, '06, '07, '08, '09, '10, '11, '12, '13, '14.  
Stephen Kendrick, 1790, '91, '92, '93.  
Joseph Langdell, 1792, '93, '94, '95, '96, '97, '98, '99, 1800, '01, '02.  
David Stewart, 1794, '95, '96, '97, '98, '99, 1800, '01, '02, '03, '04, '05  
    '06, '07, '08, '09.  
Jacob Kendall, 1794, '95, '96, '97, '98, '99, 1800, '03.  
Ebenezer Taylor, 1799, 1800, '04, '05, '06, '07, '08, '09, '10, '11, '12, '13,  
    '14.  
John Secombe, 1810, '11, '12, '13, '14, '16, '18, '19, '20, '21, '22, '23, '24,  
    '25, '26, '27, '28, '33, '34, '35.  
Edmund Parker, 1815.  
Elijah Putnam, 1815, '17.  
Daniel Campbell, jr., 1815, '16, '17, '18, '19, '20, '21, '22, '23, '24, '25, '41.  
Israel Fuller, 1816, '17, '18, '19, '20, '21, '22, '23, '24, '25, '26, '27, '28,  
    '32, '44.  
Thomas Wilkins, 1826, '27, '28, '38, '39, '40.  
John Mack, 1829, '30.  
David Stewart, jr., 1829, '30, '31, '33, '34, '35, '36, '39, '40, '41, '42.  
Bartholomew Dodge, 1829, '30, '31, '36.  
William Melendy, 1831, '32, '44.  
John Haseltine, 1832.  
Charles Richardson, 1833, '34, '35.

- Ephraim Blanchard, 1836.  
Israel Fuller, jr., 1837.  
Elbridge Hardy, 1837.  
Nathan Dane, 1837.  
Daniel Hartshorn, 1838.  
Abel Downe, 1838.  
Levi J. Secomb, 1839, '40, '41, '42, '43.  
Eli Sawtell, 1842, '43.  
William J. Weston, 1843, '44, '45, '46, '47, '48, '50, '51, '52, '59, '60, '61, '62, '63.  
Jotham Hartshorn, 1845, '46, '47, '51, '52, '53, '54.  
Albert Riddle, 1845, '46.  
Charles H. Campbell, 1847.  
James C. Follansbee, 1848, '49, '50.  
George Walker, 1848.  
Timothy Hartshorn, 1849.  
Foster Wyatt, 1849, '50.  
Daniel Fletcher, 1850, '51.  
Jonathan Knight, 1852, '53, '61, '62.  
Abial Steele, 1853, '54.  
Joseph Mace, 1854, '55, '56, '57.  
Benjamin B. Whiting, 1855, '56, '57.  
Willard Hayden, 1855.  
Willard Danforth, 1856, '57, '58.  
William A. Mack, 1858, '59, '63, '64, '67, '68, '69.  
Joel F. Osgood, 1858, '59.  
Josiah W. Pillsbury, 1860.  
James G. Haseltine, 1860.  
Charles Richardson, 1861.  
Asa Jaquith, jr., 1862.  
Francis K. Boutell, 1863, '64, '65, '67, '68, '69, '70, '77.  
Daniel Cram, 1864, '65, '66.  
Barnabas B. David, 1865, '66.  
James U. Prince, 1866, '67, '68, '69.  
Thomas M. Harvill, 1870, '71, '81.  
Charles L. Bradford, 1870, '71.  
Levi Hartshorn, 1871, '72.  
Joseph Byron Fay, 1872, '73, '74.  
Brooks R. Came, 1872, '73, '74, '75.  
Thomas Jones, 1873, '74, '75, '76.  
Aaron Smith Wilkins, 1875, '76, '77.  
Isaac B. Dodge, 1876, '77, '78.  
Daniel W. Trow, 1878, '79, '80, '81.

Mark Putnam, 1878, '79, '80, '81.

Luther Coggin, 1879.

William Pratt, 1880, '81.

Joseph B. Trow, 1882.

John H. Coggin, 1882.

Joel H. Fisher, 1882.

Prior to 1803, five selectmen were chosen annually ; since that time, but three.

#### SUPERVISORS OF ELECTIONS.

Francis K. Boutell, 1878, '80.

William H. Hubbard, 1878, '80.

James U. Prince, 1878.

Horatio McIntire, 1880.

Of the selectmen, William Fisk, Esq., served for twenty-five successive years, eighteen of which he was town-clerk.

*Thos Wakefield*

served twenty-two years as selectman—eleven years commencing with 1761, and eleven years commencing with 1776. He was also town-clerk six years. He probably died here in September, 1791 ; but no stone marks his resting place, and none of his descendants remain in town.

*Daniel Campbell Jr*

*John Scombe*

*Israel Fuller*

constituted the board of selectmen in Amherst for nine

years. The two first were natives of the town. Mr. Fuller was a native of Middleton, Mass. All were born in the year 1778, and all lived beyond the allotted three score years and ten. Capt. Campbell died at 75, Capt. Secombe at 78, and Mr. Fuller at 86 years. They were fair representatives of the generation of men to which they belonged, slow of speech, deliberate in action, of sound judgment, and all believers in thorough, honest work. Beside these nine years' service together, each served at other times, with other individuals. Capt. Campbell's term of service amounted, in the whole, to 12; Capt. Secombe's, to 20; and Mr. Fuller's, to 15 years. Beside this, Capt. Secombe served 3, and Capt. Campbell 2 years, as representatives.

#### COMPENSATION OF THE SELECTMEN.

At a meeting held 26 December, 1781, the town voted to allow their selectmen three pounds lawful silver money each, for their services that year, beside their necessary expenses.

This, reckoning the Spanish milled dollar at 6s., gave them ten dollars each; but as the war then going on gave the "town fathers" an unusual amount of business, it was voted, at a meeting in March, 1782, to pay them three shillings each, per day, for the time spent in "extraordinary services for the town."

For the year ending March, 1831, the selectmen's bills amounted to \$53.90.

For the year ending March, 1834, the selectmen's bills amounted to \$163.13.

The increase was caused by the change in the mode of assessing taxes, made by the act approved 4 January, 1833, which increased the labor of the selectmen, who acted as assessors.

For the year ending March, 1843, they were,	\$175.00
"        "        "    1853, "    "	203.84
"        "        "    1857, "    "	226.00

For the year ending March, 1863, they were,	\$160.25
“ “ “ 1866, “ “	290.00
“ “ “ 1870, “ “	270.00
“ “ “ 1874, “ “	410.00
“ “ “ 1881, “ “	291.00

Seldom has any one possessing the requisite qualification, failed of an election to the important and responsible office of hogreeve.

In 1762 a very appropriate selection of chairman was made, Mr. William Hogg being elected to that office.

In 1813 Dea. David Stanley was promoted to the chairmanship.

In 1814, and again in 1828, Hon. Edmund Parker was chief among the elect “regulators of the swine,” and in 1830 Rev. Silas Aiken was duly promoted to the office of chairman of the board.

On the twenty-first day of July, 1774, eighty-five deputies from the towns in New Hampshire met in congress at Exeter, and chose Nathaniel Folsom and John Sullivan delegates to the Congress which met at Carpenter’s hall, in Philadelphia, 5 September, 1774.

#### REPRESENTATIVES.

Amherst was classed with Bedford for the choice of a representative to the General Court, under the Provincial government. The first meeting for the choice of a representative from the classed towns, of which a record has been found, was held at Bedford meeting-house 4 March, 1762, at which Col. John Goffe received 46 votes, and Capt. Moses Barron 13 votes. Col. Goffe, having a majority of the votes, was declared elected, and served as representative of the district, under this and subsequent elections, until the abrogation of the Provincial government.

Paul Dudley Sargent was the deputy from Amherst in this first Provincial congress. His expenses were defrayed by private contributions, as is shown by the following paper preserved in the office of the Secretary of State, at Concord :

"The within is a trew list of the moneys subscribed for defraying the expense of a Deputy to Exeter, and the money required as the Quota of this town.

PAUL DUDLEY SARGENT.

AMHERST, July 20, 1774."

	2s. 8d.		3s. 0d.
John Burns,		William Peabody,	
Benj. Hopkins,	3 4	Doctor Ames,	1 2½
Andrew Bradford,	3 9	Ja's Gilmore,	1 2½
Stephen Burnham,	1 6	Jonathan Lund,	2 5
Josiah Sawyer,	1 6	John Burns, jr.,	3
George Burns,	1 11	Lieut. Kendall,	6
Thomas Burns,	1 9	Lieut. Bradford,	2 8
William Jones,	3	William Melendy,	1 2½
Thompson Maxwell,	1 6	William Odell,	1 6
James Seaton,	1 6	Amos Truel,	3
Abner Hutchinson,	3	James Gage,	3 6
Oliver Carlton,	1 4	Samuel Stewart,	3
Stephen Peabody,	3 6	James Hartshorn,	8
William Hogg,	1 2	Joseph Farnum,	1 4
Joseph Steele,	1 2	Nathaniel Phelps,	1 6
Josiah Crosby,	6	John Mills,	1 4
Benj. Kendrick,	6	Jonathan Lyon,	2
Moses Barron,	1 6	Nathaniel Cleaves,	1 1½
Joseph Gould,	1 2	Stephen Washer,	1 6
Ebenezer Weston,	2 6	Amos Green,	1 4
Daniel Campbell,	3	Col. Shepard,	3
William Wallace,	1 8½	Peter Woodbury,	2 5
Nahum Baldwin,	3	Thomas Towne,	4
Timothy Smith,	3	Ephraim Hildreth,	1 2½
Reuben Mussey,	1 4	John Shepard, jr., esq.,	6
William Taylor,	1 4	Samuel Wilkins,	2

Paul Dudley Sargent was chosen a delegate to the second Congress, which met 25 Jan., 1775.

Paul Dudley Sargent and Moses Parsons represented the town in the third Congress, which met 21 April, 1775.



The same gentlemen represented the town in the fourth Congress, which met 17 May, 1775.

Moses Nichols and Nahum Baldwin were chosen delegates to the fifth Congress, which met 21 December, 1775.

On the fifth day of January, 1776, this Congress adopted a temporary constitution, to continue in force during the "present unhappy and unnatural contest with Great Britain."

It then resolved itself into a "House of Representatives for the Colony of New Hampshire." Provision was made that precepts, in the name of the Council and Assembly, signed by the President of the Council and Speaker of the House of Representatives, "should issue annually on or before the first day of November, for the choice of a Council and House of Representatives, to be returned by the third Wednesday of December, then next ensuing, in such manner as the Council and Assembly shall hereafter prescribe." Since the eighteenth day of December, 1776, the representatives have been as follows :

Moses Nichols, 1776, '77, '81, '82.

Peter Woodbury, 1776.

Josiah Crosby, 1777, '78, '79, '82.

Reuben Mussey, 1778.

Stephen Peabody, 1779.

Samuel Wilkins, 1780.

Nahum Baldwin, 1780.

Robert Means, 1783, '84, '85, '86, '89.

Thomas Burns, 1783.

William Peabody, jr., 1787, '88.

Daniel Warner, 1790, '91, from 10 June, 1793, '94, '95, '96, '97, to 23 August, 1798.

Joshua Atherton, 1792 (resigned, vacancy not filled), '93, to June 10.

William Fisk, from 23 August, 1798, '99, from 27 August, 1804, '05, '06, '07, '08, '09.

William Bradford, 1800, '01, '02.

Jedediah K. Smith, 1803, to 27 August, 1804.

William Low, 1810, '12, '14.

Edmund Parker, 1813, '15, '17, '18, '19, '20, '21, '22, '24, '25, to 5 June, 1826.

Clifton Claggett, 1816.  
 Charles H. Atherton, 1823, '38, '39.  
 Robert Read, June, 1826, '27, '28.  
 David McG. Means, 1829, '30.  
 John Secombe, 1831, '32, '33.  
 Daniel Campbell, jr., 1834, '35.  
 David Stewart, 1836, '43.  
 Perley Dodge, 1837, '53, '54.  
 Andrew Wallace, 1840, '41.  
 Barnabas B. David, 1842.  
 Richard Boylston, 1844, '45, '46.  
 Levi J. Secomb, 1847, '48.  
 Lemuel N. Pattee, 1849, '50.  
 Daniel Fletcher, 1851.  
 William Wetherbee, 1855, '59, '60.  
 Charles H. Campbell, 1856, '57, '58, '63, '64.  
 Jotham Hartshorn, 1861, '62, '71, '72.  
 Aaron Lawrence, 1865, '66.  
 William Clark, 1867, '68.  
 William A. Mack, 1869, '70.  
 Harrison Eaton, 1873, '74.  
 Joseph B. Fay, 1875, '76.  
 Frank Hartshorn, 1877.  
 Thomas Jones, 1878, '79.  
 Albert A. Rotch, 1880.

## DECEASE OF TOWN OFFICERS SINCE 1775.

Charles H. Atherton, died 8 Jan., 1853,	aged 79
Joshua Atherton, 3 April, 1809,	71
Nahum Baldwin, 7 May, 1788,	54
Augustus Blanchard (at Milford), 27 Feb., 1809,	63
Ephraim Blanchard, 27 June, 1841,	63
Richard Boylston, 19 July, 1857,	75
Andrew Bradford (at Milford), 1798,	80
William Bradford (at Barre, Vt.), 25 Oct., 1816,	63
Daniel Campbell, 7 Oct., 1838,	99
Daniel Campbell, jr., 7 July, 1853,	75
Clifton Claggett, 29 Jan., 1829,	66
James Colburn (at Franklin), 2 Sept., 1862,	76
Daniel Cram, 5 Aug., 1880,	81
Josiah Crosby, 15 Oct., 1793,	63
Samuel Dana, 2 April, 1798,	59
Nathan Dane (at Ottawa, Minn.), 12 Dec., 1865,	60

David Danforth, died 4 July, 1827, . . . .	aged 75
Willard Danforth, 28 March, 1859, . . . .	31
Benjamin Davis, 28 Nov., 1822, . . . .	98
Bartholomew Dodge, 7 Oct., 1838, . . . .	54
Abel Downe, 28 Sept., 1840, . . . .	52
John Ellenwood (in Michigan), 9 May, 1856, . . . .	79
William Fisk, 4 June, 1831, . . . .	76
Daniel Fletcher, 15 Oct., 1873, . . . .	77
James C. Follansbee (at Francestown), 17 Dec., 1879, . . . .	79
Israel Fuller, 23 Feb., 1864, . . . .	86
John Goffe (at Bedford), 20 Oct., 1781, . . . .	80
William Gordon (at Boston), 8 May, 1802, . . . .	39
Albert Hardy (at Greenfield), 14 Oct., 1853, . . . .	43
Elbridge Hardy (at Brooklyn, N. Y.), 1 April, 1874, . . . .	69
Daniel Hartshorn, 20 Feb., 1871, . . . .	79
Jotham Hartshorn, 21 Sept., 1878, . . . .	75
John Harvill, 6 April, 1821, . . . .	85
John Haseltine, 5 Aug., 1865, . . . .	84
Willard Hayden, 21 March, 1881, . . . .	68
Benjamin Hutchinson (at Milford), 12 Sept., 1832, . . . .	78
Nathan Hutchinson (at Milford), 12 Jan., 1795, . . . .	77
Jacob Kendall (at Mont Vernon), 3 June, 1823, . . . .	64
Nathan Kendall, 10 Nov., 1791, . . . .	65
Benjamin Kendrick, 13 Nov., 1813, . . . .	89
Stephen Kendrick, 7 June, 1811, . . . .	56
Joseph Langdell (at Wenham, Mass.), May, 1829, . . . .	94
Aaron Lawrence, 1 Sept., 1867, . . . .	62
William Low, 11 Sept., 1826, . . . .	74
Hezekiah Lovejoy, 6 April, 1793, . . . .	63
Joshua Lovejoy (at Sanbornton), 28 Jan., 1832, . . . .	88
Ebenezer Lyon, 4 Jan., 1798, . . . .	88
Joseph Mace, 2 June, 1861, . . . .	54
John Mack, 16 July, 1854, . . . .	75
David McG. Means, 5 March, 1835, . . . .	54
Robert Means, 24 Jan., 1823, . . . .	80
William Melendy, 12 March, 1858, . . . .	77
Reuben Mussey, 20 Nov., 1788, . . . .	68
Hubbard Newton (at Newport), 15 Feb., 1847, . . . .	67
Moses Nichols, 23 May, 1790, . . . .	49
Edmund Parker (at Claremont), 8 Sept., 1856, . . . .	73
Lemuel N. Pattee (at Goffstown), 1 April, 1870, . . . .	66
John Patterson, 16 Dec., 1829, . . . .	87
Stephen Peabody, 19 Sept., 1782, . . . .	38

William Peabody, died 3 May, 1791, . . . . .	aged 76
John Prentiss (at Claremont), 2 March, 1868, . . . . .	82
Elijah Putnam, 18 Oct., 1855, . . . . .	76
Mark Putnam, 20 Jan., 1882, . . . . .	63
Robert Read, 1st, 11 Sept., 1803, . . . . .	63
Robert Read, 2d (at Nashua), 10 March, 1857, . . . . .	71
Charles Richardson (at Worcester, Mass.), 12 Dec., 1878, . . . . .	87
Albert Riddle (at Bedford), 7 Aug., 1859, . . . . .	51
David Russell, 7 Jan., 1882, . . . . .	84
Paul Dudley Sargent (in Maine), Sept., 1827, . . . . .	88
Ambrose Seaton (at Marysville, Ky.), 9 April, 1866, . . . . .	61
John Secombe, 20 July, 1856, . . . . .	77
John Shepard, jr., (at Milford), 4 Dec., 1802, . . . . .	70
Jedediah K. Smith, 17 Dec., 1828, . . . . .	59
Jonathan Smith (at Bedford, Pa.), May, 1813, . . . . .	51
Charles L. Stewart (at New York city), 1 April, 1868, . . . . .	65
David Stewart, 14 Nov., 1821, . . . . .	61
David Stewart, jr., 30 Aug., 1880, . . . . .	81
Samuel Stewart, 27 May, 1776, . . . . .	60
Ebenezer Taylor, 10 Aug., 1835, . . . . .	74
Israel Towne, jr. (at Stoddard), 28 April, 1813, . . . . .	76
Charles B. Tuttle (at Milford), 16 Dec., 1880, . . . . .	63
Thomas Wakefield, Sept., 1791, . . . . .	64
Andrew Wallace, 23 Sept., 1856, . . . . .	73
Charles H. Wallace, 21 June, 1861, . . . . .	25
Daniel Warner, 20 March, 1813, . . . . .	67
Ebenezer Weston, 22 Dec., 1805, . . . . .	74
William J. Weston, 1 Oct., 1863, . . . . .	53
William Wetherbee, 18 May, 1878, . . . . .	80
Abijah Wilkins (at Mont Vernon), July, 1833, . . . . .	81
Samuel Wilkins, 27 Dec., 1832, . . . . .	90
Thomas Wilkins, 15 Nov., 1868, . . . . .	76
Peter Woodbury (at Antrim), 11 Oct., 1817, . . . . .	79
Foster Wyatt, 5 Feb., 1882, . . . . .	86

93. Average age of each, 70, 13-31 years.

The following citizens of Amherst have been commissioned as Justices of the Peace :

Appointed.	Appointed.
1803, Charles H. Atherton,	1785, Augustus Blanchard,
1791, Joshua Atherton,	1843, Edwin A. Bodwell,

## Appointed.

1862, Edward D. Boylston,  
 1837, Richard Boylston,  
 1803, Isaac Brooks,  
 1854, Oramus W. Burnham,  
 1853, Charles H. Campbell,  
 1792, Daniel Campbell,  
 1848, Peter Carleton,  
 1813, Clifton Claggett,  
 1873, Edward G. Clark,  
 1863, Hiram A. Clark,  
 1868, Isaac Combs,  
 1862, Daniel Cram,  
 1802, Samuel Curtis,  
 1859, Edward S. Cutter,  
 1790, Samuel Dana,  
 1838, Nathan Dane,  
 1815, Timothy Danforth,  
 1858, Willard Danforth,  
 1850, Barnabas B. David,  
 1833, Perley Dodge,  
 1865, Harrison Eaton,  
 1806, David Everett,  
 1869, Joseph B. Fay,  
 1805, William Fisk,  
 1857, Francis P. Fitch,  
 1790, Robert Fletcher,  
 1812, Frederick French,  
 1842, Israel Fuller, jr.,  
 1794, William Gordon,  
 1860, Charles E. Iapgood,  
 1850, Elbridge Hardy,  
 1857, Jotham Hartshorn,  
 1844, Jacob Hildreth,  
 1856, Gilbert Hills,  
 1829, David Holmes,  
 1806, Nathan Kendall,  
 1856, Aaron Lawrence,  
 1847, Joseph Mace,  
 1864, William A. Mack,  
 1786, Robert Means,  
 1820, Robert Means, jr.,  
 1829, David McG. Means,

## Appointed.

1844, Elijah Munroe,  
 1852, James Munroe,  
 1852, George W. Moor,  
 1839, William S. Morton,  
 1836, Hubbard Newton,  
 1776, Moses Nichols,  
 1815, Edmund Parker,  
 1845, Lemuel N. Pattee,  
 1842, Stephen Peabody,  
 1830, John Prentiss,  
 1829, Ezra Prescott,  
 1867, J. O. Pulsifer,  
 1792, James Ray,  
 1835, George A. Ramsdell,  
 1827, Robert Read,  
 1828, Charles Richardson,  
 1852, Charles Richardson, 2d,  
 1869, Albert A. Rotch,  
 1846, David Russell,  
 1825, John Secombe,  
 1857, Levi J. Secomb,  
 1825, Nathaniel Shattuck,  
 Prior to 1768, John Shepard, jr.  
 1805, Jedediah K. Smith,  
 1830, Matthias Spalding,  
 1855, Abial Steele,  
 1865, George F. Stevens,  
 1856, David Stewart,  
 1858, Charles B. Tuttle,  
 1832, David Underhill,  
 1826, Andrew Wallace,  
 1821, Elisha F. Wallace,  
 1808, Daniel Warner,  
 1846, William J. Weston,  
 1853, William Wetherbee,  
 1842, Bernard B. Whittemore,  
 1874, Aaron S. Wilkins,  
 1787, Eli Wilkins,  
 18—, Samuel Wilkins,  
 1879, Horace E. Woodberry,  
 1860, Francis Wright.

Col. John Shepard, jr., was probably the first Justice of the Peace appointed in Amherst.

## VOTES FOR PRESIDENT OF THE STATE.

1784, Meshech Weare,	11	1788, John Langdon,	44
John Langdon,	50	John Sullivan,	109
George Atkinson,	15	1789, John Sullivan,	63
1785, John Langdon,	71	John Pickering,	90
George Atkinson,	25	Joshua Atherton,	19
1786, John Sullivan,	39	Scattering,	6
John Langdon,	41	1790, John Pickering,	106
1787, John Sullivan,	65	1791, Josiah Bartlett,	206
John Langdon,	72		

## VOTES FOR GOVERNOR.

1792, Josiah Bartlett,	195	1807, John Langdon,	130
1793, Josiah Bartlett,	42	Timothy Farrar,	8
John Taylor Gilman,	52	Scattering,	3
1794, John T. Gilman,	108	1808, John Langdon,	121
Daniel Rindge,	2	Oliver Peabody,	7
1795, John T. Gilman,	150	Scattering,	2
1796, John T. Gilman,	155	1809, Jeremiah Smith,	124
Timothy Gilman,	8	John Langdon,	137
1797, John T. Gilman,	135	Scattering,	2
John S. Sherburne,	43	1810, John Langdon,	149
John Bellows,	3	Jeremiah Smith,	113
1798, John T. Gilman,	171	Scattering,	2
1799, John T. Gilman,	131	1811, John Langdon,	153
1800, John T. Gilman,	123	Jeremiah Smith,	108
Timothy Walker,	85	1812, William Plumer,	136
1801, John T. Gilman,	95	John T. Gilman,	112
Timothy Walker,	118	John Warner,	1
1802, John T. Gilman,	68	1813, John T. Gilman,	137
John Langdon,	176	William Plumer,	150
1803, John T. Gilman,	103	Scattering,	1
John Langdon,	179	1814, John T. Gilman,	159
1804, John T. Gilman,	88	William Plumer,	173
John Langdon,	131	1815, John T. Gilman,	170
1805, John Langdon,	137	William Plumer,	164
John T. Gilman,	98	1816, William Plumer,	177
1806, John Langdon,	152	James Sheafe,	160
Timothy Farrar,	27		
Scattering,	5		

1817, William Plumer,	164	1830, Matthew Harvey,	99
James Sheafe,	150	Timothy Upham,	165
Scattering,	12	Scattering,	3
1818, William Plumer,	148	1831, Samuel Dinsmoor,	108
William Hale,	147	Ichabod Bartlett,	170
Robert Means, jr.,	4	Scattering,	2
1819, Samuel Bell,	75	1832, Samuel Dinsmoor,	106
William Hale,	105	Ichabod Bartlett,	119
David L. Morril,	44	1833, Samuel Dinsmoor,	162
Scattering,	2	Charles H. Atherton,	32
1820, Samuel Bell,	86	1834, William Badger,	84
George B. Upham,	95	1835, William Badger,	124
David L. Morril,	36	Joseph Healey,	133
Scattering,	6	1836, Isaac Hill,	115
1821, Samuel Bell,	88	George Sullivan,	5
George B. Upham,	117	Richard Boylston,	1
Scattering,	3	1837, Isaac Hill,	128
1822, Samuel Bell,	94	George Sullivan,	121
Jeremiah Mason,	13	1838, Isaac Hill,	171
Scattering,	10	James Wilson, jr.,	197
1823, Levi Woodbury,	147	1839, John Page,	161
Samuel Dinsmoor,	91	James Wilson,	188
Scattering,	2	1840, John Page,	158
1824, David L. Morril,	163	Enos Stevens,	180
Levi Woodbury,	77	George Kent,	7
Jeremiah Smith,	27	1841, John Page,	142
Scattering,	2	Enos Stevens,	171
1825, David L. Morril,	239	1842, Henry Hubbard,	122
Levi Woodbury,	8	Enos Stevens,	105
Scattering,	8	John H. White,	53
1826, David L. Morril,	152	Daniel Hoit,	11
Benjamin Pierce,	52	Scattering,	1
Scattering,	2	1843, Henry Hubbard,	115
1827, Benjamin Pierce,	144	Anthony Colby,	130
David L. Morril,	24	John H. White,	32
Scattering,	8	Daniel Hoit,	20
1828, John Bell,	208	1844, John H. Steele,	117
Benjamin Pierce,	68	Anthony Colby,	126
Scattering,	4	Daniel Hoit,	35
1829, Benjamin Pierce,	104	John H. White,	7
John Bell,	180	Scattering,	4
Scattering,	4		

1845, John H. Steele,	128	1858, William Haile,	219
Anthony Colby,	131	Asa P. Cate,	106
Daniel Hoit,	26	1859, Ichabod Goodwin,	212
1846, Anthony Colby,	123	Asa P. Cate,	113
Jared W. Williams,	123	1860, Ichabod Goodwin,	205
Nathaniel S. Berry,	38	Asa P. Cate,	118
1847, Jared W. Williams,	147	1861, Nathaniel S. Berry,	192
Anthony Colby,	151	George Stark,	129
Nathaniel S. Berry,	33	1862, Nathaniel S. Berry,	192
Scattering,	1	George Stark,	128
1848, Jared W. Williams,	158	Paul J. Wheeler,	3
Nathaniel S. Berry,	185	1863, Joseph A. Gilmore,	175
Scattering,	2	Ira A. Eastman,	124
1849, Samuel Dinsmoor,	144	Walter Harriman,	18
Levi Chamberlain,	148	1864, Joseph A. Gilmore,	219
Nathaniel S. Berry,	29	Edward W. Harrington,	124
1850, Samuel Dinsmoor,	145	1865, Frederick Smyth,	197
Levi Chamberlain,	118	Edward W. Harrington,	106
Nathaniel S. Berry,	23	1866, Frederick Smyth,	188
1851, Samuel Dinsmoor,	104	John G. Sinclair,	104
Thomas E. Sawyer,	104	1867, Walter Harriman,	181
John Atwood,	101	John G. Sinclair,	104
Scattering,	1	Scattering,	2
1852, Noah Martin,	104	1868, Walter Harriman,	241
Thomas E. Sawyer,	110	John G. Sinclair,	124
John Atwood,	80	1869, Onslow Stearns,	185
Scattering,	2	John Bedel,	100
1853, Noah Martin,	132	1870, Onslow Stearns,	202
James Bell,	123	John Bedel,	100
John H. White,	33	Samuel Flint,	2
Scattering,	2	Lorenzo D. Barrows,	5
1854, Nathaniel B. Baker,	134	1871, James A. Weston,	128
James Bell,	94	James Pike,	189
Jared Perkins,	70	Lemuel P. Cooper,	2
1855, Ralph Metcalf,	209	Scattering,	3
Nathaniel B. Baker,	108	1872, Ezekiel A. Straw,	214
James Bell,	10	James A. Weston,	138
Asa Fowler,	1	John Blackmer,	4
1856, Ralph Metcalf,	196	Scattering,	1
John S. Wells,	132	1873, Ezekiel A. Straw,	191
Ichabod Goodwin,	6	James A. Weston,	99
1857, William Haile,	203	John Blackmer,	7
John S. Wells,	102		



1874, James A. Weston,	129	1877, Benjamin F. Prescott,
Luther McCutchins,	188	Daniel Marcy,
John Blackmer,	11	Asa S. Kendall.
1875, Person C. Cheney,	214	1878 (Mch.), Benj. F. Prescott,
Hiram R. Roberts,	130	Frank A. McKean,
Nathaniel White,	6	1878 (Nov.), Natt Head,
1876, Person C. Cheney,	217	Frank A. McKean,
Daniel Marcy,	115	Warren G. Brown,
Asa S. Kendall,	5	1880, Charles H. Bell,
		Frank Jones,

An alphabetical list of the voters in the town of Amherst on the second Tuesday of March, 1843, with the dates of the deaths and ages of those who had died, and the ages of those who were living, 1 June, 1882, so far as ascertainable.

Those marked with a \* have deceased.

*Abbott, Henry		died 26 March, 1868,	age
*Atherton, Charles H.		8 Jan., 1853,	
*Austin, Asa		27 Dec., 1843,	
*Austin, Saul		24 March, 1881.	
*Averill, Chandler		6 July, 1853,	
*Bailey, Leonard		19 Aug., 1872,	
*Barrett, Henry R.		15 Oct., 1867,	
Barrett, Philip S.	64		
*Barron, Solomon R.		19 March, 1882,	
*Baldwin, Reuel		7 April, 1849,	
*Ball, Mason			
Bates, Moses C.	66		
*Benden, Thomas M.		2 April, 1848,	
*Bennet, Jonathan,		20 Feb., 1849,	
Bennett, Alden B.	65		
*Bills, Jabez		3 Nov., 1857,	
Bissell, Lemuel	82		
*Blood, Lemuel		7 May, 1857,	
Blood, Minot			
Blood, Simon A.			
*Blunt, David W.		30 April, 1868,	
*Boutell, Caleb		22 June, 1845,	
Boutell, Francis K.	63		
Boutell, Robert	78		
Boylston, Edward D.	68		

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*Boylston, Richard	died 19 July, 1857,	aged 75
*Boylston, Richard W.	13 Nov., 1845,	26
*Boynton, Moses	18 July, 1858,	60
Bradbury, Joseph S.		
Brown, John		
*Brown, John Dalton	29 May, 1879,	60
*Brown, Samuel	17 Aug., 1854,	74
*Brown, Samuel F.	23 Nov., 1844,	34
Brown, William	90	
Brown, William, jr.		
*Bullard, Nahum	26 March, 1860,	58
*Burnham, Asahel		
Butler, William A.		
*Carter, William	11 Nov., 1875,	88
Carter, Henry W.		
*Carter, Simeon	8 June, 1856,	71
*Carlton, Peter	16 Aug., 1859,	52
*Caldwell, David	23 Sept., 1856,	77
*Caldwell, Dustin	6 Aug., 1875,	60
Caldwell, Isaac F.	64	
*Campbell, Daniel	7 July, 1853,	75
Campbell, Charles H.	61	
*Chickering, Isaac	6 Nov., 1857,	56
*Clark, Calvin	8 July, 1859,	74
*Clark, Daniel	Aug., 1856,	92
*Clark, Ebenezer		
*Clark, Ezra Dexter	8 June, 1859,	52
*Clark, Thomas Jefferson	27 Feb., 1876,	65
*Cleaves, James B.	18 Nov., 1850,	30
Combs, Isaac	77	
*Converse, Ebenezer	25 Aug., 1861,	82
Converse, Charles	64	
Converse, Rufus	62	
*Crooker, Enos B.	24 Oct., 1851,	40
*Crooker, Melzar	21 Oct., 1851,	51
Crooker, James M.	66	
Crosby, Joseph Fitch	62	
Crosby, Josiah D.		
*Damon, Benjamin	11 Nov., 1846,	83
*Damon, Stephen	31 May, 1854,	65
*Danforth, Jacob	15 Nov., 1851,	85
Danforth, George	75	
*Danforth, Timothy	17 May, 1855,	77

*Danforth, Simeon C.		died 21 July, 1869,	ag
Danforth, Charles C.	69		
Danforth, Daniel O.	65		
*Danforth, William		2 March, 1849,	
*Dane, Nathan		12 Dec., 1865,	
Dane, Timothy			
David, Barnabas B.	79		
*David, Charles H.		7 Oct., 1880,	
David, John O.	68		
*Dickey, James		13 March, 1856,	
*Dickey, Thomas M.		24 Jan., 1846,	
Dinsmoor, John O.			
*Dodge, Calvin		6 June, 1853,	
Dodge, Perley	82		
Dow, Samuel			
*Duncklee, Ebenezer		3 Sept., 1867,	
Duncklee, Ebenezer Taylor	66		
*Duncklee, Levi		21 Jan., 1872,	
Duncklee, Sylvester J.	62		
Dutton, Samuel			
*Eastman, Cyrus		17 Dec., 1862,	
Eaton, Edmund			
Eaton, Harrison	64		
*Eaton, Loammi			
Elliott, David			
*Elliott, Roger		14 Aug., 1851,	
Felton, Hiram G.	68		
*Ferrell, Daniel		25 July, 1868,	
*Fisk, David, jr.		29 Jan., 1882,	
*Fisk, David, 3d		22 June, 1873,	
*Fitch, Francis P.		23 Dec., 1874,	
*Fletcher, Daniel		15 Oct., 1873,	
*Fletcher, George W.		4 March, 1882,	
*Fletcher, Joseph		30 Aug., 1843,	
*Fletcher, Merrill		3 July, 1877,	
*Fletcher, Robert		18 Sept., 1863,	
*Fletcher, Sewall		12 Sept., 1855,	
*Follansbec, James C.		17 Dec., 1879,	
*Ford, John		21 Sept., 1848,	
*Fowle, Joseph		27 May, 1874,	
*Fuller, Israel		23 Feb., 1864,	
Fuller, Israel, jr.	76		
*Gardner, George B.		29 April, 1843,	

Goodwin, William E.			
Gowing, Joseph	91		
*Gould, Benjamin		died 1 July, 1845,	aged 77
*Grater, Francis		3 Jan., 1845,	91
*Grater, Francis, jr.		15 Jan., 1857,	59
*Green, Amos		1 Feb., 1860,	83
*Green, Charles		9 Jan., 1873,	55
*Guttersen, Eli S.		19 May, 1863,	44
*Hadlock, Kendall		1 Oct., 1854,	68
Hadley, John L.	72		
Hall, Robert			
*Hanscomb, George		27 July, 1861,	63
*Hardy, Elbridge		1 April, 1874,	69
Hardy, Elbridge, jr.			
*Harraden, Isaac		30 July, 1866,	73
*Hartshorn, Daniel		20 Feb., 1871,	79
*Hartshorn, Edward,		22 Aug., 1854,	90
*Hartshorn, Jotham,		21 Sept., 1878,	75
*Hartshorn, Timothy		25 Oct., 1868,	75
*Harvill, Joseph		5 March, 1853,	79
*Harvill, Joseph K.		26 Dec., 1870,	60
Harvill, Thomas M.	62		
Haseltine, Charles			
*Haseltine, John		5 Aug., 1865,	84
*Hastings, Benjamin		9 Oct., 1870,	81
*Hayden, Thomas W.		21 Sept., 1849,	42
*Hayden, Willard		21 March, 1881,	68
*Hildreth, Jacob		26 Feb., 1851,	70
*Hildreth, Jacob, 2d		May, 1849,	40
Hildreth, John Hartwell	73		
*Hildreth, Jotham		10 Oct., 1868,	63
*Hills, Franklin M.		26 April, 1875,	55
*Hills, Moses		18 Sept., 1855.	74
Hodgman, Timothy	83		
Holt, Charles			
Holt, Clark			
Holt, Edwin M.	76		
*Holt, Ezra		April, 1860,	66
Holt, Israel P.			
Hooper, William			
*Howard, Henry		15 April, 1871,	83
Howard, Herbert	66		
Howard, Levi	76		

Howard, Rodney	64		
*Hubbard, Amos		died 30 Jan., 1858,	ag
Hutchinson, Josiah D.			
Jepson, Benjamin			
*Jewett, Josiah		21 April, 1853,	
*Jewett, Joshua		May, 1869,	
*Jewett, Robert		16 Nov., 1865,	
Jones, Levi		11 Oct., 1858,	
Jones, Timothy	88		
Joslin, Levi			
*Kearney, Thomas		2 Nov., 1854,	
Kendall, Leonard			
*Kendall, Nathan		10 Aug., 1846,	
*Kendrick, Benjamin		13 Dec., 1853,	
Kidder, Benjamin			
*Kidder, Josiah		28 May, 1849,	
*Kimball, Jacob		1 Aug., 1849,	
*Kinson, George		2 Oct., 1867,	
Knight, Jonathan	82		
*Lakeman, Joseph		30 March, 1851,	
*Lakeman, Levi		27 Aug., 1867,	
*Lawrence, Aaron		1 Sept., 1867,	
*Leavitt, Benjamin		June, 1848,	
*Leavitt, John		13 Aug., 1862,	
*Lovejoy, James		7 Dec., 1876,	
*Lovejoy, John		30 July, 1870,	
*Lovejoy, Jonathan		9 Dec., 1843,	
Lovejoy, Mark	65		
*Lovejoy, Miles		27 Aug., 1871,	
*Lovejoy, Stephen		20 May, 1852,	
*Lovejoy, William H.		3 Jan., 1874,	
Lowe, Cyrus C.	63		
*Lowe, David		8 Jan., 1867,	
Lowe, David Perkins	65		
*Mace, Joseph		2 June, 1864,	
*McCluer, Asa		4 June, 1870,	
*McConihe, Levi		11 April, 1873,	
*McKean, David D.		25 March, 1877,	
*Mack, John		16 July, 1854,	
Mack, Charles E.	61		
Marvell, John	67		
*Means, Robert		24 April, 1863,	
Melendy, Bryant	81		

Melendy, Charles	84		
*Melendy, Hamilton		died 23 Jan., 1880,	aged 71
Melendy, Luther	88		
*Melendy, Nathaniel		18 July, 1848,	89
*Melendy, Samuel B.		7 Nov., 1877,	77
*Melendy, William		12 March, 1858,	77
*Melvin, David		12 Jan., 1861,	73
*Melzar, Abraham		13 Feb., 1864,	80
*Moore, Hugh		7 March, 1854,	88
*Moore, John		28 Oct., 1862,	80
Moore, Samuel C.	66		
*Moulton, Daniel		7 June, 1845,	73
*Moulton, John		13 May, 1861,	40
*Noyes, Ammiel		28 April, 1872,	73
*Noyes, Moses		18 April, 1859,	91
Noyes, William	80		
*Nutt, George A.		6 July, 1845,	30
*Nutt, Samuel		1 Feb., 1845,	57
*Ober, John		28 March, 1867,	60
Ober, Samuel	72		
*Odall, William		Nov., 1850,	73
Osgood, Joel F.	74		
*Parker, Ephraim			
*Parker, Jonathan		19 Oct., 1850,	32
*Parker, Josiah		29 Sept., 1845,	85
Parker, Josiah Merrill,	76		
Parker, Thomas B.	71		
Parker, Truman			
*Parkhurst, Henry		20 Feb., 1861,	82
Parkhurst, Henry, jr.	74		
*Parkhurst, Silas		10 Feb., 1877,	70
*Parkhurst, Spalding		12 April, 1882,	72
Parkhurst, Stillman	63		
*Patch, Timothy U.		1 Oct., 1868,	67
*Patterson, Jesse C.			
*Pattee, Lemuel Noyes,		1 April, 1870,	66
Peabody, Samuel			
*Peabody, Stephen		18 Jan., 1847,	68
Peabody, Matthew T.			
Peacock, Ezra W.	64		
*Peacock, Rufus		4 Aug., 1845,	38
*Peacock, William		5 April, 1846,	72
Peacock, William F.			

*Pearsons, Francis E.		died 31 Dec., 1867,	ag
Perkins, Elbridge F.	70		
*Perry, Ebenezer		25 June, 1860,	
Perry, Lorenzo D.			
*Phelps, Amos		3 March, 1861,	
*Phelps, Almond		5 Jan., 1866,	
*Phelps, Daniel		26 Jan., 1864,	
*Pratt, Edward H.		1868,	
*Pratt, Loea		11 July, 1875,	
*Pratt, Stephen H.		19 Jan., 1855,	
*Prentiss, John		2 March, 1868,	
*Prescott, Ezra		Oct., 1845,	
*Prince, George		22 May, 1882,	
*Prince, James		28 Aug., 1852,	
Prince, John	70		
*Prince, Luther		18 Nov., 1862,	
*Prince, Solomon		3 Dec., 1843,	
*Putnam, Elijah		18 Oct., 1855,	
Putnam, Elijah, jr.	78		
Putnam, John C.			
Raymond, Charles A.	60		
*Raymond, Perley		4 Sept., 1873,	
*Read, Samuel			
*Read, Walter		1 Dec., 1877.	
Richardson, Zaccheus			
*Riddle, Albert		7 Aug., 1859,	
*Rhoads, Alfred H.,		17 May, 1848,	
*Rhoads, Charles		1 Nov., 1873,	
*Rhoads, Eleazer		27 June, 1855,	
Rhoads, Warren	74		
*Russell, David		7 Jan., 1882,	
*Russell, James		27 Dec., 1872,	
Russell, Josiah	82		
Savage, William T.,	69		
Sawtell, Eli	81		
Sawtell, Henry I.			
Searles, Thomas			
Secomb, Daniel F.	62		
*Secombe, John		20 July, 1856,	
Secomb, Levi J.	78		
Shaw, George H.	75		
*Shattuck, Francis M.		14 Jan., 1876,	
*Shepard, Benjamin		6 Oct., 1864,	

*Shepard, Benjamin F.		died 28 June, 1866,	aged 52
*Shepard, John		Sept., 1855,	78
*Shepard, Lummus		14 March, 1849,	63
*Shepard, Nehemiah		22 July, 1857,	70
*Shepard, Samuel L.		2 Feb., 1853,	36
Skinner, Joshua F.	75		
Smith, Langdon	72		
*Spalding, Matthias		22 May, 1865,	95
*Stearns, Eleazer		9 March, 1846,	80
Stearns, Hiram D.	79		
*Stearns, James		19 Jan., 1854,	79
Steele, Abial	77		
*Stevens, Daniel F.		21 Jan., 1852,	57
Stevens, William			
*Stewart, David		30 Aug., 1880,	81
*Stewart, Horace		28 May, 1871,	55
*Stewart, Moses B.		13 June, 1868,	83
Stewart, William	68		
*Stiles, Lewis		23 March, 1875,	79
*Stiles, Walter L.		25 July, 1875,	59
Taylor, Daniel Hamilton	74		
Taylor, John			
Thissell, Josiah	77		
*Thomas, Charles		22 Aug., 1862,	44
Thomas, William			
*Thompson, Oliver		3 Dec., 1877,	87
Towne, Luther	76		
Towne, Samuel			
Truel, Eli	71		
Truel, Jacob	66		
*Tuttle, Charles B.		16 Dec., 1880,	63
*Twiss, Dimon C.		19 Jan., 1861,	87
*Upham, Isaac		12 April, 1869,	67
*Upham, Jacob		1 April, 1849,	83
*Upham, Jacob, jr.		14 Oct., 1859,	61
*Upham, Phinehas		16 April, 1863,	67
*Upton, John			
*Vose, Samuel		15 March, 1857,	57
Walker, George	68		
*Wallace, Andrew		23 Sept., 1856,	73
Warren, John			
*Wasson, Horace		13 Nov., 1847,	30
Webster, John			



Webster, Moses		
*West, Joseph C.	died 3 March, 1859,	ag
*Weston, Daniel	20 Aug., 1872,	
*Weston, Ebenezer	12 June, 1846,	
*Weston, Isaac	23 Jan., 1860,	
*Weston, Isaac Plumer	23 Jan., 1879,	
*Weston, William J.	1 Oct., 1863,	
Wheeler, David		
*Wheeler, Daniel	10 Dec., 1867,	
Wheeler, Franklin		
*Wheeler, Gardner G.	22 May, 1865,	
*Wheeler, Gilman	10 Dec., 1872,	
*Wheeler, Isaac	20 June, 1870,	
*Wheeler, John N.	29 Nov., 1859,	
*Wheeler, Jonathan	March, 1844,	
*Wheeler, Nathan	21 Oct., 1864,	
*Wheeler, Porter	23 Nov., 1870,	
*Wheeler, Timothy	5 Feb., 1853,	
*Wheeler, Timothy, jr.	24 Dec., 1878,	
Whittemore, Bernard B.	64	
Whiting, Benjamin B.	68	
*Whiting, Nathaniel	30 Oct., 1843,	
Wiley, Levi H.		
*Wilkins, Aaron	30 June, 1862,	
*Wilkins, Daniel	6 June, 1847,	
*Wilkins, Thomas	15 Nov., 1868,	
*Wilkins, Samuel	2 May, 1857,	
Wilkins, Samuel, jr.	61	
*Wilson, Simeon	1 Sept., 1867,	
Wilson, Thomas F.	27 Jan., 1874,	
Woodward, Alfred A.	66	
*Woodward, Isaac	25 March, 1862,	
Woodward, Samuel		
*Woolson, Ezra	16 Sept., 1844,	
*Woolson, Henry P.	31 July, 1859,	
*Woolson, Nathaniel	5 Dec., 1844,	
*Wyatt, Foster	5 Feb., 1882,	

Average age at time of death of 225 who have deceased  
68 $\frac{31}{25}$  years.

Average age, 1 June, 1882, of 80 then living, 71 $\frac{47}{47}$  y

Average age of those who have deceased and those now living, whose ages are known, 69 years.

Number whose ages have not been ascertained, 58. Many of them are now living; none being less than 60 years of age.

The above is probably no unusual record at the present time in country towns like Amherst. The average duration of human life has increased during the last century. How much more it might be lengthened did all know and obey the laws that govern it!

#### CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTIONS.

At a meeting held 30 March, 1778, Col. Moses Nichols and Lieut. Reuben Mussey were chosen to represent the town in a convention to be held at Concord on the tenth day of June following, for the purpose of "forming and laying a permanent plan or system of government for the future happiness and well being of the people of this State."

The convention met at the time proposed, and, after holding a short session, adjourned. It met again 5 June, 1779, adopted a plan of government, and made provision for laying it before the people, for their acceptance or rejection. It may be found in Dr. Bouton's Town Papers, Vol. IX, pp. 837-842.

At a meeting held 6 September, 1779, the town voted to accept the plan of government for this State which was laid before them.

But a majority of the voters in the State thought differently and the proposed constitution was rejected.

Another convention was called, to meet at Concord on the second Tuesday of June, 1781, to form a constitution for the State; but the town, at a meeting held 24 May, 1781, voted "not to send any delegates to the proposed convention."

This convention held two sessions,—one in June, and another in September,—and agreed upon a plan of govern-

ment, which was laid before the people, accompanied by an address explaining its provisions and the necessity for adopting them.

The proposed constitution was laid before the town at a meeting held 26 December, 1781, and a committee, consisting of Capt. Josiah Crosby, Lieut. William Bradford, Dea. Samuel Wilkins, Mr. Nathaniel Haywood, Lieut. Thomas Burns, Mr. Peter Woodbury, Col. Nahum Baldwin, Mr. Timothy Smith, and Mr. Reuben Mussey, was appointed "to consider and remark on said constitution," and lay said remarks before the town.

In order, probably, to give the committee time to prepare their "remarks," the meeting was adjourned to 7 January, 1782, when the committee was enlarged by the addition of Mr. Samuel Dana, Capt. William Dana, and Mr. Thomas Wakefield, to its number, and the meeting again adjourned to the 15th, at two o'clock in the afternoon, at which time they met; but things not being in readiness another adjournment, for one hour, took place. On meeting at the expiration of the hour the "remarks" of the committee were laid before the meeting, and it was voted not to accept the said constitution or plan of government as set forth in printed copy;—but voted, unanimously, to accept the constitution, with the several amendments made by the committee appointed for that purpose.

Voted and chose Mr. Samuel Dana to attend the convention at its next session, and enforce said amendments.

Col. Nahum Baldwin, Mr. Joshua Atherton, and Mr. Thomas Wakefield were chosen a committee to prepare said amendments.

This constitution was rejected by a majority of the voters of the State.

The convention that formed it met on the fourth Wednesday of January, 1782, and, finding it was rejected by the people, adjourned to the third Wednesday of August following, when they again met and formed another constitu-

tion, which they laid before the people. This constitution, like the preceding one, was accompanied by an address to the people.

On this constitution the town took action at a meeting held 29 November, 1782, at which they "voted not to accept the proposed constitution of the State of New Hampshire."

A committee, consisting of Capt. William Dana, Capt. John Bradford, Capt. Augustus Lovejoy, and Capt. Hezekiah Lovejoy, was appointed to examine said constitution and report thereon. Timothy Smith and Lieut. Ebenezer Weston were subsequently added to the committee.

At a meeting held 23 December, 1782, after hearing the report of the above committee, the town voted, unanimously, to accept the proposed constitution, with the amendments proposed by the committee.

18 March, 1783,

"Voted, that the present plan of government abide in force, while the year 1784, unless a more permanent plan should take place antecedent to that time."

20 October, 1783,

"Voted to adhere to the former plan of government, that is, to have a Governor."

"Voted, with reference to the proposed alteration of the eighth article of confederation and perpetual union between the thirteen states of America, that the reasons for the proposed alteration do not preponderate with us (with due deference we say it) as they did with the Honorable Congress, as appears by their address to the several states respecting this matter. Nor are we of the same sentiment with our own legislators, who appear to be convinced of the expediency and utility of the measure, as by their address to this State of the twentieth of June past.

We are humbly of opinion that a strictly equal and just plan or rule for taking a valuation is almost, if not wholly, impracticable. Yet we think no rule can be devised subject to fewer objections than from valuation of the soil, &c., taken in and by each state. We therefore hereby instruct and empower our representative to use every decent and laudable means in his power to prevent the proposed alteration."

1 January, 1788. Daniel Warner, Esq., Joshua Atherton, Esq., Samuel Dana, Esq., John Shepard, Esq., Rev. Jeremiah Barnard, Augustus Blanchard, Esq., Rev. John Bruce, Gen. Moses Nichols, Col. Robert Means, and Dea. Samuel Wilkins, were appointed a committee to examine the Federal constitution, who reported that they could not recommend the constitution to the acceptance of the town, in its present form.

15 January, 1788,

“Chose Joshua Atherton to represent the town in the Convention to be held at Exeter, to take under their consideration and decision the proceedings of the Federal Convention, relative to the new form of government.

Voted not to approve of s'd Constitution as it now stands.”

The convention met at Exeter in February. But very few records of its proceedings remain. A report of a speech made by Mr. Atherton on section 9, article 1, has however been preserved, as it deserved to be.

Following Mr. Dow, of Weare, a member of the Society of Friends, who spoke sensibly and feelingly against the adoption of this section, several other members spoke in its favor, with remarks upon what Mr. Dow had said, after which Mr. Atherton spoke as follows :

*Mr. President:* I can not be of the opinion of the honorable gentleman who last spoke, that this paragraph is either so unjust, or so inoffensive, as they seem to imagine, or that the objections to it are so totally void of foundation. The idea that strikes those that are opposed to this clause, so disagreeably and so forcibly, is, hereby, it is conceived (if we ratify this constitution) that we become *consenters to* and *partakers in* the sin and guilt of this abominable traffic, at least for a certain period, without any positive stipulation that it shall even then be brought to an end. We do not behold in that valuable acquisition, so much boasted of by the honorable member from Portsmouth, ‘*that an end is then to be put to slavery.*’ Congress may be as much or more puzzled to put a stop to it then than we are now. The clause has not secured its abolition.

We do not think we are under any obligation to perform works of supererogation in the reformation of mankind ; we do not esteem our-

selves under any necessity to go to Spain or Italy to suppress the Inquisition of those countries, nor of making a journey to the Carolinas to abolish the detestable custom of enslaving the Africans: but, sir, we will not lend the aid of our ratification to this cruel and inhuman merchandise, not even for a day.

There is a great distinction in not taking part in the most barbarous violation of the sacred laws of God and humanity, and our becoming guarantees for its exercise for a term of years. Yes, sir, it is our full purpose to wash our hands clear of it, and, however unconcerned spectators we may remain of such predatory infractions of the laws of our nation, however unfeeling we may subscribe to the ratification of manstealing, with all its baneful consequences, yet I can not but believe, in justice to human nature, that if we reverse the consideration, and bring this claimed power somewhat nearer to our own doors, we shall form a more equitable opinion of its claim to this ratification.

Let us figure to ourselves a company of these manstealers, well equipped for the enterprise, landing on our coast. They seize or carry off the whole or a part of the town of Exeter. Parents are taken and children left, or possibly they may be so fortunate as to have a whole family taken and carried off together by these relentless robbers. What must be their feelings in the hands of their new and arbitrary masters! Dragged at once from every thing they held dear to them, stripped of every comfort of life, like beasts of prey, they are hurried on a loathsome and distressing voyage to the coast of Africa, or some other quarter of the globe where the greatest price may waft them, and here, if any thing can be added to their miseries, comes on the heart-breaking scene—a parent sold to one, a son to another, and a daughter to a third; brother is cleft from brother, sister from sister, and parents from their darling offspring. Broken with every distress that human nature can feel, and bedewed with tears of anguish, they are dragged into the last stage of depression and slavery, never to behold the faces of one another again. The scene is too affecting; I have not fortitude to pursue the subject."

The men and women of the present generation have felt the effects of the system of African slavery tolerated by the fathers.

With the light of experience around us, may we not wish that the objections made to the adoption of the constitution, made by the delegate from Amherst, had been heeded by the convention.

After a short session in February, the convention adjourned to meet in Concord the following June, where, on the twelfth day of that month, the constitution was ratified by the delegates of the people of the State of New Hampshire, the votes standing 57 in favor and 46 against it. Of the delegates from Hillsborough county, 6 voted in favor, and 16 against its ratification, and 3 did not vote. Among the latter was the delegate from Salisbury, Capt. Ebenezer Webster, father of Hon. Daniel Webster.

At a meeting held 8 August, 1791, Joshua Atherton was chosen delegate to attend a convention to be held at Concord on the first Wednesday of September following.

The town voted, at a meeting held 7 May, 1792, not to accept the amendment to the sixth article of the constitution of New Hampshire.

On the 29th day of August, 1792, voted, unanimously, to accept the amendments proposed by the Honorable Convention, under the heads, Senate, Governor and Council, and sent out to the people for their ratification, 33 votes being cast in favor, none against them.

After the adoption of the amendments to the constitution, in 1792, propositions for a convention to make further amendments met with but little favor, the town voting almost unanimously against them, until 11 March, 1850, when 75 votes were cast in favor of calling a convention, and 120 against it. A majority of the votes cast in the State at that time being in favor of calling a convention, Andrew Wallace, Esq., was chosen delegate from Amherst to attend it, receiving 80 votes to 56 for Timothy Danforth.

The amendments to the constitution proposed by this convention failed to receive the sanction of the people. In Amherst, but three of the fifteen amendments proposed received a majority of the votes cast. The majorities against the others varied from 10 to 126.

At the annual meeting in March, 1876, 89 votes were cast in favor of calling a convention to amend the constitution of the State, and 76 against it.

A convention having been called by the legislature, Rev. Josiah G. Davis was chosen delegate to represent the town in that body, receiving 142 votes to 41 cast for Perley Dodge, Esq.

The convention met at Concord in the following December, and agreed upon several alterations in the constitution, which were generally adopted by the people at the annual meeting in March, 1877.



## CHAPTER XI.

## THE FIRST AND SECOND MEETING-HOUSES.

VOTES OF THE PROPRIETORS IN RELATION TO BUILDING A MEETING-HOUSE.—A DAY APPOINTED FOR RAISING THE FRAME.—PROVISION MADE FOR FINISHING IT.—THE HOUSE PASSES INTO THE POSSESSION OF THE TOWN.—VOTES IN REGARD TO THE ACCOMMODATION OF THE “QUIRESTERS” AND OTHERS.—THE HOUSE PRESENTED TO THE COUNTY FOR A COURT-HOUSE.—REMOVED TO THE COMMON, AND BURNT.—BUILDING THE SECOND MEETING-HOUSE.—VOTES IN RELATION TO IT.—EFFORTS MADE TO CHANGE ITS LOCATION.—AMPLE PROVISION MADE FOR RAISING THE FRAME.—SALE OF PEW GROUND, AND REGULATIONS IN REGARD TO BUILDING PEWS.—DEDICATION OF THE HOUSE.—VOTES IN RELATION TO THE SINGERS’ SEATS, AND REPAIRING THE HOUSE.—SALE OF THE MEETING-HOUSE, AND RESERVATIONS MADE BY THE TOWN.—ITS REMOVAL AND REFITTING BY THE FIRST CONGREGATIONAL SOCIETY.—CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION OF ITS DEDICATION.

At a meeting held 6 August, 1735, the proprietors voted to build a meeting-house on the plot of ground lately laid out for the purpose.

14 February, 1737–38, they voted to build a meeting-house, 45 x 22 feet, the posts to be 22 feet in length, finish the outside, and build a pulpit by the last day of October, “come twelve months.” Capt. Joseph Parker, Ensign Thomas Tarbox, and Lieut. Cornelius Tarble, were chosen a committee “to build it or lett it out.”

11 July, 1738, Capt. Ebenezer Raymond and Mr. John Wiles were added to the committee, and, as Capt. Parker declined serving, Capt. Joseph Richardson was chosen to serve in his stead. At this meeting an assessment of £3 was made on each right, to defray the expense of building the house and laying out a second division of lots.

27 December, 1738. The 16th day of May following was selected as the day on which to raise the frame of the meeting-house, and Capt. Ebenezer Rayment was desired to make provision for the same.

10 May, 1739. Twenty shillings for each right was ordered to be paid to the treasurer for defraying the meeting-house charges, etc.

20 May, 1741. A tax of £180 was levied on the rights for the purpose of finishing the meeting-house and defraying other charges.

14 December, 1742, John Shepard, Jonathan Tarble, and Timothy Fuller, were appointed a committee to agree for finishing the meeting-house, but, 18 October, 1743, the proprietors

"Voted that a committee, consisting of Joseph Prince, Samuel Walton, and John Shepard, must gitt the meeting-house boarded, the floor laid, the body seats made up, the pulpit made, and the Doors made and hung as soon as can be."

10 February, 1743-44, they

"Voted that they will doe something toward finishing the meeting-house: viz., Clapboard it, make the window-frames, crown and glaze them, point the ground pining, and prime the flew boards, window-frames, sashes, and doors, and, in case there is not an Indian war, the next fall, laith and plaster the walls and ceiling, as the committee shall think fit."

Deacon Tarble, Capt. John Shepard, and Mr. Ebenezer Ellenwood, were appointed a committee to see the above work done. It was also voted that the next meeting of the proprietors should be held in the meeting-house, where, pursuant to this vote, it was held, 30 June, 1744-45.

It is to be hoped that the house was made comfortable for their reception ; certainly it was no small undertaking to hold a meeting in such a place, without fires, in mid-winter.

Provision was made for finishing the meeting-house, and for meeting other charges, at a meeting held 21 September, 1747.

At a meeting held 23 May, 1750, they voted that they would do nothing more to the meeting-house that year.

26 June, 1751, they "voted to finish the meeting-house, or some part of it, this summer," and appointed Lieut. Moses Barron, Andrew Bradford, and Ebenezer Lyon, a committee to get the work done ; but, 26 September 1753, they refused "to appoint a committee to settle with the committee appointed to finish the meeting-house.

This is the last recorded act of the proprietors in regard to building and finishing the meeting-house, an undertaking which occupied about fourteen years. After the incorporation of the town, it seems to have passed into the possession of the town, and its preservation became, for a time, a town charge.

As the population of the town increased, the house became too small to accommodate the people who resorted to it on the Sabbath. Hence, perhaps, the visitors from Monson, who had no meeting-house of their own, and paid nothing for the support of preaching, were unwelcome guests. Some traces of the feeling against them may be found in the recorded votes of the town at that time.

23 July, 1767, the town was asked to allow the men to occupy the whole of the front gallery of the meeting-house, and also "to appoint seats for the Quiresters to set in, in order to improve Psalmody, or religious singing"; but both applications were denied.

14 March, 1768, Daniel Campbell and Benjamin Taylor were appointed a committee "to make so much more room in the meeting-house as they shall think proper," and £13, 8s., and 6d. was voted to defray current charges.

Joseph Steel and William Wallace protested against this grant of money, declaring that they would not pay any part of it until it was decided whether the house belonged to the proprietors or the town.

4 December, 1771. Amherst was now the shire town of the county of Hillsborough, and accommodations were needed for the sessions of the courts. The town had already voted to build a new meeting-house, and at a meeting held this day they

"Voted to give, grant, and forever quitclaim, all our right, title, interest, claim, and property of, in, and unto, our old meeting-house, in said Amherst, to the justices of the Court of General Sessions of the Peace in and for this County, for the use of the County, reserving to ourselves the right to congregate in said house from time to time, as we may see meet, for the space of two years from this time, without having the house made inconvenient for our meetings during that time, and reserving the right of removing the Pulpit from the house at any time during the two years aforesaid, Provided the Justices cause a new County jail to be erected within 160 rods of the meeting-house as it now stands; otherwise, the above vote and every clause therein contained to be void."

The jail was "erected"; the new meeting-house was built; and the old one passed into the possession of the county, destined, ere long, to be removed to "the plain," and to be purified by fire.

**THE SECOND MEETING-HOUSE.**

At a meeting held 4 October, 1770, the town voted to build a meeting-house for public worship and to set the same upon the most convenient place on the training field, in said town, and make it seventy-five feet in length and forty-five feet in width. They also voted to raise one hundred and fifty pounds lawful money, to defray the the expense of building said house.

Robert Read, Samuel McKean, Archelaus Towne, John Shepard, jr., and Moses Nichols, were appointed a committee to superintend the work of building the house, and they

were authorized to settle and fix upon the particular spot of ground in said field on which to erect it.

25 October, 1770, at a meeting held this day, the town voted to "cut the meeting-house short of what had previously been voted five feet, and the same in width, viz., five feet." They directed the building committee to add to the house "a steeple at one end and a porch at the other end thereof." The committee was also directed to cause the frame of the house to be raised, boarded, and shingled, within twelve months from that date. The height of the sills from the ground was left to their discretion, and when any particular job of work was needed toward the building of the house, they were to notify the people, and employ those who would do it on the most reasonable terms.

Armed with these directions, it would seem that the committee was prepared to go forward, but a storm was gathering. The people of Monson, so recently annexed, were dissatisfied. They had lived in the old town twenty-four years with no public building but a pound, and to be called upon to assist in building a meeting-house was a new experience. The settlers around Shepard's mills, in Amherst, disliked the plan. The people in the north-west part of the town objected to it, as it added half a mile to their journey to meeting, and it was objected to by Chestnut Hill folks on the same ground: and a meeting was held 6 November, 1770, in the interest of the disaffected ones, to see if the town would "vacate, annul, destroy, and make void, every act or vote of said town lately passed, relative to building a meeting-house on the training field in said town," to see "if they will enlarge the present meeting-house so as to make it convenient for the public to meet in for some time yet to come," and, finally, "if they should be induced to build the house expressed in their late vote, to see if they will vote to set it in the centre of the town."

The above queries were summarily disposed of at the meeting. On the article first named the town "voted in

the negative," the meeting being qualified. They then voted "to ratify, establish, and confirm every vote heretofore passed relative to the new proposed meeting-house." They also voted to dismiss the consideration of the two next queries.

Another effort to change the location of the house was made at the annual town meeting, 11 March, 1771, at which propositions were made "to reconsider the vote already passed for setting said house on the plain." "To see if the town, upon consideration of a far superior place, with respect to underpinning said house, dry land, and a location nearer the centre of the town, will vote to set said house on the west side of the road, near the shop of Mr. Cheever, so called," and, if voted in the negative, "to see if they will chuse a court's committee to establish a place for said house," all of which were rejected. Thomas Wakefield was chosen "new meeting-house treasurer," and the work of building went forward.

At a meeting held 26 August, 1771, the town voted that the building committee "provide drink for raising the meeting-house—that is, for the spectators, &c."

"Voted, that said Committee procure New England rum for the raising the meeting-house frame in this town for such as shall do the labor of raising, and for all spectators, according to their discretion, not exceeding eight barrels." Voted, also, "that said Committee provide for the raising of said house one barrel of sugar (brown sugar), for the use of the laborers and spectators, to be distributed according to the discretion of said committee."

The committee was also authorized to procure a sufficiency of victuals and drink for such as should labor in raising said house, while laboring, viz., one, two, or three, meals a day, as the laborer's should require. They were also directed to hire the GEM, etc.

What the GEM was does not clearly appear; but, with the ample preparations made by the town and the amount of victuals and drink provided for the occasion, the fathers

must have had a *spirited* raising. Doubtless they lifted with a will, and the massive timbers were slowly set in their places, under the direction of the master builder, Deacon Barker. During the intervals of relaxation from the solid work before them, running and wrestling matches were in order, in most of which, if tradition is to be believed, "Sam" Wilkins, the minister's son, afterward deacon of the church, was the chief champion. His greatest exploit on the occasion was that of running a short distance with the chairman of the building committee, who weighed about the sixth of a ton avoirdupois, upon his shoulders.

At a town-meeting held 4 December, 1771, it was voted to allow the accounts of the committee appointed to build the new meeting-house, and the accounts of the workmen employed by them.

The town also voted that they would finish the outside of the new meeting-house next summer, clapboard and glaze it, and finish the steeple every way complete, and lay the lower floor in said house. One hundred and sixty pounds lawful money was granted to defray the expense that has already arisen in building the house, and the building committee was authorized to complete the work above mentioned.

14 November, 1772. The town

"Voted to sell by auction the pew ground on the lower floor of the meeting-house to the highest bidder of the inhabitants of this town, the money arising from the sale to be applied to defray the expense of finishing the house."

Daniel Campbell, Joseph Gould, and Stephen Peabody, were appointed a committee to sell said pew ground ; Daniel Campbell refusing to serve on the committee, Ephraim Hildreth was appointed in his stead.

By a vote of the town passed at this meeting there were to be three tiers of pews on the south side, one tier on the north side, and two tiers each on the east and west ends. Alleys were to be left between the pews and seats, and

between the pews. The size of the pew ground lots was left to the discretion of the committee. The sale of the pew ground was to be within one month from the time of this meeting, and the purchase money was to be paid into the meeting-house treasury within three months from the time of the sale.

The pews were ordered to be built within twelve months from this date, and in a uniform manner. If they were not built within the time, and in the manner specified, the sale of the ground to the person or persons failing to comply with the conditions was to be void.



THE SECOND MEETING-HOUSE.

The house was so far completed that it was formally dedicated to the public worship of God on the 19th day of January, 1774, which date, curiously painted in gold, in old English letters, on a panel in front of the singers' gallery, directly opposite the pulpit, has been, in by-gone years, an



enigma to more than one of the younger members of the congregation. Of the gathering on that occasion and the sermon preached by Mr. Wilkins, no written records remain. Tradition affirms that the discourse was to some extent an historical one, treating of matters connected with the settlement of the town and the formation of the church. If so, its loss is to be regreted.

After the public services at the meeting-house, it is said that the visiting clergymen were entertained at the house of Pastor Wilkins. While partaking of their dinner, of which hasty pudding and milk formed a part, the newly elected deacon, "Sam" Wilkins, told them a ludicrous story of his experience in catching a sheep, which pleased the reverend fathers, and "the pudding flew well."

14 March, 1774. A proposition to choose a committee to procure a good bell for the meeting-house was rejected by the town; also, one to "allow the singers a seat in the new meeting-house that Psalmody may be carried on with greater regulation." Fifty pounds sterling money was voted to defray the new meeting-house charges, etc.

22 June, 1774, Daniel Campbell, Lieut. Kendrick, and Israel Towne, jr., were appointed a committee to examine the accounts of the meeting-house and pew committees.

9 March, 1778. The town voted that the seats in the front gallery, in the meeting-house, from the women's seats to the first pillar in the men's, be granted for the use of a number of persons skilled in singing, and Ephraim Barker, William Low, Amos Stickney, Abijah Wilkins, and John Kimball, were appointed a committee for seating said seats.

31 March, 1779. The town voted to accept the report of the committee appointed to adjust the accounts of the new meeting-house and pew committees.

30 October, 1815. A committee consisting of William Low, David Stewart, and Andrew Leavitt, having reported that the meeting-house needed some repairs, the town voted

that said committee be authorized to make such repairs as were necessary.

March, 1818. The town refused to purchase stoves for the meeting-house.

For several years, efforts were made to induce the town to provide for warming the meeting-house during Sunday services; but when the matter was brought up in town-meeting, a majority of the voters steadily refused to make an appropriation for the purpose. Perhaps they thought it well to have the temperature of their house of worship as unlike as possible to that of the reputed abode of lost spirits. Wood was cheap, and they could assemble at the taverns near by, where mine host always had good fires burning, around which they could gather, talk politics, discuss the forenoon's sermon,—the two being frequently identical,—drink flip,—or something stronger,—watch the boys, and get in good shape for the afternoon's campaign. The fairer half of creation took refuge in the neighboring houses, where they were welcomed to good fires and just as the bell rung, furnished with a plenty of live coals to fill the fire boxes in the little foot stoves they carried.

So, they worshiped. Some, however, were not satisfied, and occasionally used the columns of the *Cabinet* to give vent to their feelings. One of these who evidently had a realizing sense of what was before him and his fellow sufferers, thus wrote in the *Cabinet* of 26 December, 1818:

"Even the *Indians* have stoves in their meeting-house. Is it not astonishing that *civilized* and *enlightened* people have none; but that they nearly freeze themselves and children every Sabbath in the winter, when the trifling expense of *one dollar* each would make them comfortable? A word to the frozen will, we hope, be sufficient to make them—weather wise."

The subject was again brought up at the next annual meeting, but the town refused to take any action upon the subject. Finally, in 1824, some stoves were procured by individual subscriptions and placed in the meeting-house.

Still the house was a cold, uncomfortable place, until it was removed and remodeled in 1836. After that time foot stoves were dispensed with, and the few that now remain are shown as curious relics of the past.

March, 1821. The town voted to shingle the meeting-house, and make such repairs of the clapboarding and doors of the same as were necessary; also voted to paint the house, and William Fisk, William Low, and David McG. Means were appointed a committee to procure the work done. They were authorized to examine the steeple, and, if they thought proper, take it down and build a cupola in its place. The sum of \$500 was placed at their disposal to lay out for the above, and for such other repairs as they might see fit to make upon the house.

In the winter of 1832 a movement was made for the sale of the house, the town reserving certain rights and privileges in the same. The matter was brought before the town at the March meeting in that year by appropriate articles in the warrant calling the meeting.

14 March, 1832. The town voted to sell the meeting-house at auction, with the following reservations:

1. The town reserved the right to use the house for all town meetings, for so long a time as they might wish to use it for that purpose.

2. The town reserved the bell, clocks, and belfry or tower, the purchaser to have the right to pass and repass through the west doors, as now used, also the right to ring the bell for funerals, public worship, and other public occasions, without expense to the town.

3. The rights of all owners of pews in the house were reserved to them, and the owners of the organ and stoves were to have the right to remove their property from the house.

4. Provided that the purchaser neglected to keep the house in repair, so that it should not be as comfortable for town meetings as it then was, he should forfeit all rights

conveyed by the deed, and the house should revert to the town.

5. Previous to the sale of the house all the pews were to be appraised by a committee of impartial men not residing in town, and the purchaser, before receiving his deed, was to take and pay for all such pews as the owners might wish to sell, provided such owners, within ten days after the sale of the house, expressed their wish to sell, by a writing left with the town-clerk. •

6. The purchaser was to receive a deed with the above reservations and conditions as soon as the pews were paid for, and receive possession at the time of receiving his deed.

7. In case the purchaser should not, within fifteen days, comply with the conditions and take his deed, a deed was to be given to the next lowest bidder, if he would take it at his bid, and if not, to the next lowest, if he would take it at his bid, and so on, if any will take it at his bid, provided the said right of the town shall not be sold for a less sum than one hundred dollars.

8. Edmund Parker, David Fisk, jr., John Mack, and Jacob Hildreth, were appointed a committee to carry the above vote into effect, and they, or a major part of them, were directed to cause the pews to be appraised as soon as might be, and give a deed of the house according to the above conditions.

The sale of the meeting-house was finally made by the town, with the foregoing reservations and restrictions, the First Congregational Church and Society in Amherst being the purchasers, and the property was transferred to them by the committee appointed for the purpose.

At a meeting of the First Congregational Church and Society held 4 January, 1836, a committee was chosen to ascertain the probable cost of altering and repairing the meeting-house.

6 February, 1836. The committee exhibited a plan for an alteration of the house and an estimate of the expense of the same, and a committee was appointed to ascertain the views of the pew-holders on the subject.

At a meeting held 20 February, 1836, the subject of the proposed alterations and repairs was discussed by the pew-holders at some length, and it was finally decided to abandon the project, and unite in an effort to build a new house.

2 April, 1836, a committee was chosen to make inquiries and report at a future meeting what would be the probable cost of a new house sufficient to answer the purposes of the society as a house of public worship. Another committee was appointed to consult the pew-holders still further in regard to the proposed alterations of the old house, and they were directed to report the result of their inquiries at the next meeting.

23 April, 1836. The committee appointed to inquire concerning the cost of a new house reported that they had visited the house recently erected in Milford, and estimated that one similar to it, which would probably answer the purposes of the society, might be built for \$5,000. The committee to consult the pew-holders reported that sixty-five dollars would probably be sufficient to buy all the pews that the owners were unwilling to sell at the appraisal.

After hearing the reports the society voted to reconsider the vote to build a new meeting-house, and voted to repair the old one.

Voted to remove the house to a piece of land owned by Jonathan Bennett, provided a sum of money could be raised by subscription sufficient to purchase the land and pay the expense of moving and underpinning the house.

Barnabas B. David, Daniel Hartshorn, Charles L. Stewart, Jonathan Knight, and Luther Melendy, were appointed a committee to superintend the removal and repairs of the house.

As the town still retained an interest in the house, reserved at the time of its sale, the selectmen, upon application of members of the society, called a town-meeting, which was held 21 May, 1836, at which the town gave the society leave to move the house as proposed. It was also voted to convey by deed to the First Congregational Church and Society in Amherst all the title the town had in the land on which the string of horse sheds, running north from the meeting-house, stood ; said land to be used by the society for the purpose of placing the meeting-house on the same, provided the consent of the owners of the sheds be first obtained, the society furnishing a piece of land, and removing the sheds to it, free of expense to the town or the owners of the sheds, and the selectmen were authorized to make a conveyance, as aforesaid, in behalf of the town.

The town also consented that the society should make such alterations in the house, and about the west porch, bell deck, and steeple, as they wished, provided the house was left as convenient for town purposes as it then was.

Ezra Prescott, Ephraim Blanchard, and David Underhill, were appointed a committee on the part of the town to consult with a committee of the First Congregational Church and Society respecting the accommodation of the town in said house for town purposes.

At a meeting held 27 August, 1836, the town voted to repair the bell-deck and steeple, and that the selectmen be the committee to make such repairs as may seem to them necessary for the safety of the town property and the comfortable appearance of the steeple.

March, 1837. On motion of Hon. Charles H. Atherton, the town voted to accept the hall that had been fitted up in the meeting-house for a place in which to hold its meetings.

August, 1836. The meeting-house was removed from the spot "on the training-field" where the fathers placed it sixty-five years before, to the place it now occupies. Prior to its removal, the porch at the east end was taken off,

after which the house was moved to the place prepared for its reception. The work of removal was under the direction of Capt. Nathan Call, of Concord, and was accomplished with apparent ease. Mr. Boylston remarked in the *Cabinet* that "Capt. Call is as renowned for his removals as Gen. Jackson, and has Calls as frequently for his moving powers." The Captain might have responded that the editor was quite as much given to "cabinet making" as the President.

19 December, 1836. Hubbard Newton, Daniel Campbell, jr., and Andrew Wallace, were appointed a committee to appraise the pews in the new meeting-house. Mr. Wallace not wishing to serve, Deacon Abel Downe was appointed in his stead.

1 January, 1837. The repairs on the meeting-house being completed, it was again occupied by the society for Sunday services. The exercises on this occasion, under the direction of the pastor, Rev. Silas Aiken, were appropriate and of a very interesting character.

The centennial anniversary of the dedication of the second meeting-house was celebrated with appropriate services on Sunday, 18 January, 1874.

The house had lately been thoroughly repaired, and a new organ built by Geo. H. Ryder, of Boston, was used for the first time on the occasion.

Many citizens of Mont Vernon and Milford were present. In Mont Vernon the meeting-house was closed to enable the pastor and people to join their neighbors in the centennial exercises.

The forenoon was occupied by the delivery of a highly appropriate historical discourse by the pastor, Rev. Dr. Davis.

In the afternoon Rev. Mr. Ruland, of the Methodist church, gave a short address. Rev. Mr. Heald gave an historical sketch of the Baptist church, and Rev. Dr. Keeler, the acting pastor, gave an interesting historical sketch of

the church in Mont Vernon, formerly the Second parish in Amherst.

On the afternoon of Monday, 19 January, a meeting was held at the town-hall at which Rev. Dr. Davis presided. A very interesting historical sketch of the church in Milford, formerly the Third parish in Amherst, was given by William B. Towne, Esq., of Milford, and reminiscences of many of the inhabitants of the town in former times were given by other speakers.

An organ concert at the church in the evening concluded the centennial services.

The house is now in good repair, and its massive timbers promise a continuance for centuries. Long may it be spared from the fire and tempest, a connecting link between present and by-gone generations.



## CHAPTER XII.

## THE TOWN MINISTRY. 1741-1835.

GRANTS FOR THE SUPPORT OF PREACHING.—SETTLEMENT OF MR. WILKINS.—GRANTS FOR HIS SUPPORT.—MR. WILKINS CHOSEN MINISTER BY THE TOWN.—VOTES IN RELATION TO HIS SALARY.—FAILURE OF HIS HEALTH.—ARRANGEMENTS MADE FOR A SUPPLY OF THE PULPIT.—MR. BLYDENBURG INVITED TO SETTLE AS COLLEAGUE.—PROTEST AGAINST HIS SETTLEMENT.—MR. FOSTER INVITED, BUT DECLINES.—MR. BARNARD INVITED.—PROTEST AGAINST THE ACTION OF THE TOWN.—MR. BARNARD'S ANSWER.—MEETING OF THE ORDAINING COUNCIL. MR. LIVERMORE'S ACCOUNT OF ITS PROCEEDINGS.—PROTEST AGAINST MR. BARNARD'S SETTLEMENT.—PROCEEDINGS OF THE TOWN.—DEATH OF MR. WILKINS.—ANNUITY VOTED TO MRS. WILKINS.—ORGANIZATION OF THE FIRST PARISH.—SETTLEMENT OF MR. BARNARD'S SALARY.—THE PARISH ORGANIZATION ABANDONED.—THE MUSSEY LAWSUIT.—SALE OF MINISTERIAL LAND AND DIVISION OF THE PROCEEDS.—MR. BARNARD CALLED TO ACCOUNT.—SETTLEMENT OF A COLLEAGUE PROPOSED.—MR. BARNARD'S LETTER.—SETTLEMENT OF MR. LORD.—THE UNITARIAN CONTROVERSY.—DEALINGS OF THE TOWN WITH UNITARIANS AND UNIVERSALISTS.—VOTES IN REGARD TO MR. BARNARD'S TAX.—MR. LORD RELINQUISHES A PART OF HIS SALARY.—NEGLECT OF THE TOWN TO PAY MR. BARNARD'S SALARY.—MR. LORD DISMISSED.—DEATH OF MR. BARNARD.—MONEY RECEIVED FROM THE SALE OF THE MINISTERIAL LAND DISPOSED OF.—THE TOWN MINISTERS.

## THE TOWN AND PARISH MINISTRY.

At a meeting held 27 December, 1738, the proprietors

"Voted, that the Inhabitants of Souhegan West, No. 3, shall Draw twenty pounds out of the Tressury towards there having the word of God Preached among them for the next six months."

17 July, 1739, they

"Voted, that the Inhabitants of Souhegan West, No. 3, shall have and Draw out of the Tressury the sum of Twenty pounds toward there having the Word of God Preched amonghts them till the last of March next, if they bring to the Tressurer the men's names that Preched ten days."

11 December, 1739,

"Voted, that there be an addition of fifty shillings per day for each Sabbath they shall have Preching amonghts them."

20 May, 1740,

"Voted, that the settlers of Souhegan shall have and draw out of our Tressury 50 s. each Sabbath day that they have Preching amonths there till it is altered by a voat of the proprietors."

30 April, 1741,

"Voted, that they Concur with the choice of a number of the Proprietors who are settled at Souhegan in the choice of Mr. Daniel Wilkins, being there minister, provided wee can agree with him for Sallary & Settlement."

"Voted, that they will choose a committee to Treet with Mr. Daniel Wilkins about his being theire minister and Sallary and Settlement, and make report at the next meeting."

"Voted for the Comitee, Mr. Timothy fuller, Cap'n Benjamin Otter, Mr. Cornelius Tarble, mr. Joseph Richardson, & Joshua Wilks."

11 August, 1741,

"Voted, that they doe accept the report of the Comittee that was chose to treet with Mr. Daniel Wilkins about Sallary & Settlement, and Mr. Wilkins' answar to them which is on file."

"Voted, that they will chuse a Comittee to take care of the ordination."

"Voted for the comittee Samuel Walton, Samuel Lamson, William Lancy, and that it be left to them to appoint the time and advise

the Clark that he may put it in the newspaper, and it was on the 23d of September, 1741."

"Voted, that the committee that is chose to take care of the Ordination shall not exceed forty Pounds, but as much less as they can."

Mr. Wilkins was accordingly ordained on the twenty-third day of September, 1741, a church having been formed on the day preceding. The ecclesiastical council that officiated on the occasion consisted of nineteen ministers and delegates. Rev. Nathaniel Henchman, of Lynn, was moderator, and Rev. Stephen Chase, of Lynn, preached the sermon. The other ministers present were Reverends Andrew Peters, of Middleton, James Osgood, of Wenham, and James Swan, of Dunstable.

15 December, 1741,

"Voted two hundred and forty pounds be raised for to pay Rev. Mr. Daniel Wilkins's Settlement, Salary, Ordination, and other charges."

14 December, 1742,

"Voted, that Com'te's acc't about the ordination be allowed & p'd."

18 October, 1743,

"Voted fifty Pounds old Tenor as a free gift to the Reverend Mr. Daniel Wilkins, to be paid him out of the Tressory."

30 January, 1744-45,

"Voted, that they will give Mr. Wilkins sixty Pounds old tenor as a gift."

16 July, 1746,

"Voted, that they will give the Rev'd Mr. Wilkins Seventy Pounds old tenor for the Depreciating the money and as a free gift for this Present year."

3 November, 1747,

"Voted, that there be ninety pounds old tenor adission to the Reverend Mr. Wilkins, & is in full satisfaction to him till the 11th of June past, 1747.

26 October, 1748. Eighty shillings old tenor was assessed on each right and ordered to be paid to the treas-

urer to pay Mr. Wilkins's salary, and other charges, that might arise in that year.

24 May, 1749,

"Voted, that the Reverend Mr. Wilkins shall have added to his salary five hundred and forty pounds old tenor Bills to make his salary four hundred pounds a year for the two last years, ending the 11th of June next."

4 July, 1750,

"Voted, that there be four hundred pounds old tenor Raised to pay the Reverend Mr. Wilkins his Salary, which he accepts in full for all Depreciations of the money, ending the 11th of June last."

26 June, 1751. Two hundred and seventy pounds was added to Mr. Wilkins's salary to make it four hundred pounds from 11 June, 1750, to 11 June, 1751.

24 June, 1752. Voted four hundred pounds old tenor for Mr. Wilkins's salary for the year ending 11 June, 1752.

26 September, 1753. Voted to allow Mr. Wilkins five hundred pounds old tenor for his salary for the last and the present year.

16 April, 1755. Five hundred pounds was voted as salary to Mr. Wilkins for the year 1755.

18 May, 1757. Sixty-six pounds, thirteen shillings, four pence, lawful silver money, of the Province of Massachusetts Bay, was granted Mr. Wilkins for his salary for the year 1756, and fifty-three pounds, six shillings, eight pence, like money, for his salary for the year 1757.

This is the last record found on the the proprietors' book of money raised by them for the support of Mr. Wilkins.

Probably grants for that purpose continued to be made by them from year to year, until 2 April, 1760, when the charge of his support was assumed by the town.

The town, having organized under the charter, met 2 April, 1760, for the purpose of choosing a minister and providing for his support. Joseph Gould was chosen moderator, and, on motion, Rev. Daniel Wilkins was chosen minister of the town, and it was

"Voted to offer him forty-seven pounds and ten shillings sterling money of Great Britain, annually, or its equivalent in the currency of the Province, to be stated, upon Indian corn at two shillings per bushel, and pork at two pence p'r pound, sterling money, during the time he should continue to discharge the duties of the ministry in this place, and one half that amount during his natural life after age or infirmities had unfitted him for labor in his calling, the same to rise or fall as the prices of the commodities named rose or fell from year to year."

They also voted five hundred pounds old tenor as salary for the present year, and chose a committee to prefer the votes of the town to Mr. Wilkins and return his answer.

The committee waited upon Mr. Wilkins and subsequently laid before the meeting his answer to their communication, as follows :

*"Beloved Brethren in our Lord Jesus Christ :*

I think that I can truly say that I have labored amongst you in the work of the Gospel ministry near nineteen years, not for filthy lucre, but of a ready mind, and, as I have spent the prime and flower of my days in the honorable and laborious work of the Gospel ministry among you, so I am willing to be spent and worn out in the same service. (O, that God would make us mutual blessings to each other with respect to this life and especially that which is to come.) In testimony whereof, I now declare that I accept your vote preferred to me by your Committee for my support in the work of the ministry among you, viz., forty-seven pounds, ten shillings, sterling money of Great Britain, or Province currency equivalent, upon the standard of corn and pork as it is inserted in your warrant, that is to rise and fall, the sum above mentioned, as those commodities rise and fall, not in the least doubting but that, as I communicate to you spiritual things, so you will communicate to me of your temporals as y'r abilities advance and my necessity calls, and furthermore, I accept of the one half of said sum if my life should continue beyond my strength and ability to carry on the work of the ministry among you. And now the salutation of your very humble servant in our Lord Jesus Christ. I wish Grace, Mercy, and peace, may be multiplied to you all in life, and a crown of unperishing glory at death.

*Dan. Wilkins*

AMHERST, April ye 2d, 1760."

At a meeting held 11 October, 1762, a committee was chosen "to treat with Rev. Mr. Wilkins about his salary the present and preceding years," who subsequently reported the result of their labors, whereupon the town voted to advance his salary this year five pounds sterling money of Great Britain, above the fifty pounds assessed last year.

For some cause not now apparent this vote seems not to have been entirely satisfactory to the minister, as we find the following article in the warrant for the meeting in March, 1763 :

"To see if the town will try once more, by themselves, or by their agents (if they see fit to constitute any), to compound and agree with their minister about his salary from the time they made their contract with him in the capacity of a town, until the eleventh day of June next, in order to obtain his receipt or receipts in full for said term."

Upon consideration of this article the town appointed William Jones, John Smith, Reuben Mussey, William Peabody, and Joseph Steel, a committee to compromise matters with Mr. Wilkins.

The committee presented their report, and a plan for settlement satisfactory to Mr. Wilkins, at a meeting held 24 March, 1763, when it was read, accepted, and adopted.

An article was inserted in the warrant calling a meeting held 8 March, 1773,

"To see if the town would hire a candidate for the gospel ministry to preach with them a few Sabbaths the ensuing spring, and if so, to choose a committee to invite and engage a gentleman, and give them such directions concerning the matter as they should think fit."

But the town

"Voted, that they would not act on the article."

At a meeting held 22 May, 1775, the town voted to hire preaching for the term of three months, if need be, and appointed Samuel Wilkins, Daniel Campbell, Ebenezer Weston, and Peter Woodbury, a committee to procure preachers.

14 August, 1775, the town voted to hire preaching until their annual meeting in March, 1776, and directed the committee appointed at the meeting in May to procure preachers until that time, securing the services of Rev. Mr. Goodhue, if possible. They also voted that Mr. Wilkins's salary, from 11 June, 1775, to 11 June, 1776, should be thirty-three pounds, six shillings, and eight pence, lawful money.

24 October, 1775. John Shepard, jr., Joseph Gould, Richard Gould, Amos Flint, and Thomas Burns, were appointed a committee to treat with Rev. Mr. Wilkins relative to his future salary and ministerial functions, and make report to the town.

28 November, 1775, the town

"Voted that, in their opinion, Rev. Mr. Wilkins was not capable of performing his ministerial functions."

At the same time they amended the vote passed 14 August, 1775, by voting that his salary, from 11 June, 1775, to 11 June, 1776, should be forty pounds lawful money, instead of the sum at first voted.

11 March, 1776. Capt. Josiah Crosby, Richard Gould, Benjamin Kenrick, Reuben Mussey, and Joseph Gould, were appointed a committee to treat with Mr. Wilkins for the purpose of adjusting and compounding matters with him relative to his salary for past and future time. Also, voted to hire preaching for the term of three months from this time, and Samuel Wilkins, Daniel Campbell, and Robert Means, were appointed a committee to employ such young preachers as they might think proper during said time.

30 April, 1776, voted "to hire preaching six months, commencing 11 June, 1776," and directed the committee to procure the services of Mr. Swetland, if he could be hired.

The committee appointed to settle with Mr. Wilkins reported at a meeting held 18 November, 1776, that they

had been able to settle with him only for the years 1774 and 1775. Their report, which recommended the payment of one hundred pounds Massachusetts tenor to him, for those years, was adopted, and it was voted to pay him forty-five pounds lawful money, as a salary from 11 June, 1776, to 11 June, 1777.

Voted to hire preaching until March, 1777, and appointed Daniel Campbell, Robert Means, and Samuel Wilkins, a committee to procure preachers.

Voted sixty pounds lawful money to be laid out in preaching.

At the meeting held 10 March, 1777, voted to hire preaching for the term of six months next coming. James Seaton, Nahum Baldwin, and William Odall, were appointed a committee to procure preachers, and directed to apply to Mr. Swetland to preach three months on probation.

2 September, 1777, the same committee was authorized to hire preachers for six months from the 11th day of this month, and it was left discretionary with them what gentleman or gentlemen to employ.

24 November, 1777. Voted that the committee be instructed to invite Mr. John Blydenburg to preach until the next annual meeting, upon probation.

Mr. Reuben Mussey, Capt. Josiah Crosby, Mr. Timothy Smith, and Mr. James Seaton, were appointed a committee to adjust accounts with Rev. Mr. Wilkins, who reported at a meeting held 9 December, 1777, that they found a balance due him of four pounds, six shillings, and seven pence, which report was accepted, and the sum named was voted to be paid.

24 February, 1778. Voted to join with the church in giving Mr. John Blydenburg a call to settle in the gospel ministry, upon the Cambridge platform of church government, and Peter Woodbury, Amos Flint, Reuben Mussey, Nahum Baldwin, and Thomas Wakefield, were appointed a committee to make a draft or plan of what encouragement



and salary it would be proper to offer him as a settlement and yearly salary, and in what it would be proper to state and pay said encouragement and salary.

9 March, 1778. This committee made a report, which was accepted, and an invitation was extended by the church and town to Mr. Blydenburg to become the colleague pastor of Mr. Wilkins in the ministry in this place.

The following protest against his settlement was handed in after the meeting had adjourned, and a demand made that it should be placed upon the town records :

“ March 9, 1778.

*“ To the freeholders and legal voters of the town of Amherst assembled by adjournment :*

GENTLEMEN : You will please to observe and allow this a place on the records of this day.

That we, the subscribers, having a legal right to vote and act in this meeting, take this method to acquaint you that we protest and dissent to the settlement of Mr. John Blydenburg as a minister in this town. That is to say, we are entirely against it.

John Averil,  
William Bradford, jr.,  
John Cole,  
Joseph Farnum,  
Stephen Farnum,  
John Harwood,  
Nathan Jones,  
William Lamson,  
Joseph Langdell,

John Mills,  
Stephen Peabody,  
Joseph Perkins,  
Ezekiel Upton, jr.,  
Thomas Weston,  
Eli Wilkins,  
Jonathan Wilkins,  
James Woodbury.”

It will be noticed that the signers to this paper were residents of that part of the town which was afterward known as the North-west or Second parish of Amherst and later as the town of Mont Vernon.

The invitation given Mr. Blydenburg was, fortunately perhaps for the town, declined. He shortly afterward relinquished preaching, and engaged in trade in Durham N. H., where he died in October, 1836, aged eighty-nine. He graduated at New Jersey College in 1777.

6 July, 1778. Lieut. Reuben Mussey, Capt. Josiah Crosby, and Solomon Kittredge, were appointed a committee to adjust accounts with Rev. Mr. Wilkins from 11 June, 1777, to 11 June, 1778.

The committee reported, 13 July, 1778, that Mr. Wilkins's salary amounted to £178, 2s., 6d., reckoning Indian corn at fifteen shillings per bushel, and pork at one shilling sixpence per pound, lawful money, and their report was accepted.

24 August, 1778. Dea. Boutell, Benjamin Davis, and Samuel Seaton, were appointed a committee to hire preaching until the next March meeting, and they were to use their own discretion in the selection of preachers.

At a meeting held 15 February, 1779, they were directed to invite Mr. Edmund Foster to preach upon probation until the next annual meeting, and 31 March, 1779, the town voted to concur with the church in giving him a call to settle in the gospel ministry in this place. Dea. Samuel Wilkins, Dea. John Seaton, and Thomas Wakefield, were appointed a committee to lay a plan and draft of what encouragement as a settlement and yearly salary it might be proper to offer him, in what it should be stated and paid, and lay the same before the town.

This committee reported at a meeting held 3 May, 1779, and their report was accepted. They then prepared and presented Mr. Foster a call to become their pastor, but the invitation was declined. He was settled at Littleton, Mass., 17 January, 1781, and died there.

7 June, 1779, it was voted to hire preaching six months longer, and Benjamin Davis, Samuel Seaton, and Benjamin Kenrick, were appointed a committee to procure preachers during that time. Thomas Wakefield, Benjamin Davis, and Moses Barron were constituted a committee to adjust accounts with Rev. Mr. Wilkins, and they presented a report of their doings, at a meeting held 29 June, 1779,

which the town refused to accept, and referred the matter back to them for further consideration.

5 August, 1779. A committee consisting of Richard Gould, Samuel Seaton, and Benjamin Davis, was appointed to settle with Mr. Wilkins for the year ending 11 June, 1778, who reported, 6 September, that there was due him for that year's salary a balance of fifty-three pounds, reckoning Indian corn at fifteen shillings per bushel, which would purchase seventy bushels of corn; but Mr. Wilkins proposed to be satisfied with money enough to buy thirty-five bushels of corn, at fourteen dollars per bushel, which report was accepted.

The committee to whom the settlement with Mr. Wilkins, for the year ending June, 1779, was referred, again reported at this meeting. They found due him, for salary that year, the sum of £973, 13s., lawful money, reckoning Indian corn at fourteen dollars per bushel, and pork at eight shillings per pound. This report was accepted.

6 December, 1779, the town voted to concur with the church in giving Mr. Jeremiah Barnard a call to settle in the gospel ministry in this town, and appointed Joshua Atherton, Esq., John Shepard, jr., Esq., Capt. Josiah Crosby, and Dea. Samuel Wilkins, a committee to report a plan of settlement and salary to be offered him as an encouragement to settle as aforesaid, and how to state and pay such encouragement.

The committee reported, at a meeting held 23 December, 1779,

"That the town give Mr. Barnard one hundred and eighty pounds Lawful money as a settlement, the one half to be paid within six months and the other half within one year after his ordination to the work aforesaid.

Furthermore, that the sum of eighty pounds like money be given him, annually, as a salary, to commence at the time of his ordination and remain until two years after the end of the present war with Great Britain, and that the sum of ten pounds be annually added to the said salary after that time; that the salary in manner aforesaid continue dur-

ing his work of the ministry or pastoral relation in this town, except that if by sickness or other misfortune he be unable to discharge the functions of his office (or at least the principal part of them), he be paid in that case only forty pounds annually during life or till his pastoral relation be dissolved, according to the usage of the New England churches, and the foregoing sums to be stated upon the following articles, at the following rates or prices: viz., Indian Corn at 3s. p'r bushel, in February; Beef at 20s. p'r Cwt., in the middle of November; Hay at thirty shillings per ton, in the Cock; wool at one and four pence per lb.; Flax at eight pence per lb."

The report was signed by all the members of the committee except Capt. Josiah Crosby. William Peabody objected to the addition of ten pounds yearly to the salary after the close of the war.

The report was accepted by the town, and Dea. Samuel Wilkins, Dea. John Seaton, and Joshua Atherton, Esq., were appointed a committee to wait upon Mr. Barnard and inform him of its action in the premises.

At the same meeting the following protest from inhabitants of the north-west part of the town was presented :

"Dec. 23, 1779. Relative to the settlement of Mr. Jeremiah Barnard in the gospel ministry in this town, We, the subscribers, resident in the North-westerly part of the town of Amherst, having repeatedly petitioned to be set off as a distinct Parish, and we think we have made very reasonable offers of doing our parts of defraying the charge of maintaining the gospel ministry and other necessary charges while we congregate with this town; but our petitions have hitherto been rejected;—We, therefore, enter our protest against Mr. Jeremiah Barnard's being settled in this town, or any other minister while we remain in conjunction with this town, and our request not granted.

Nathan Flint,  
John Cole,  
Peter Woodbury,  
John Mills,  
Joseph Perkins,  
Eli Wilkins,  
Sutherick Weston,  
Larafor Gilbert,  
Joshua Wilkins,

Joseph Langdell,  
John Harwood,  
William Bradford, jr.,  
Joseph Lovejoy,  
Oliver Carlton,  
Abijah Wilkins,  
William Lamson,  
John Averill,  
Jacob Smith,

Lemuel Winchester,  
Joseph Farnum,  
Benjamin Stearns,  
Enos Upton,  
Allen Goodridge,  
Isaac Weston,  
James Woodbury,

Joseph Tuck,  
Thomas Weston,  
James Smith,  
Samuel Stearns,  
Knight Nichols,  
Josiah Dodge,  
Nathan Cole.

Solomon Kittredge also protested against the action of the town, as follows :

*" To the freeholders of Amherst, in town-meeting convened, December 23, 1779 : Townsmen and Brethren :*

I am conscientiously of opinion that the purposes of religion may be better answered without, than by, settling Mr. Jeremiah Barnard as a minister in this town. Therefore, I hereby protest against his being ordained here; but, after all that has been said, if you proceed to settle him, I shall examine and try the legality of your proceedings, and, if possible, exonerate myself from paying any of the settlement and salary you have voted him. I request that this paper may be now filed by the town-clerk, and, as soon as may be, recorded in the town book of records.

SOLOMON KITTREDGE.

25 January, 1780, the town voted to make the following explanations and alterations in the report of the committee relative to the salary proposed to be paid to Mr. Barnard :

" Instead of ten pounds to be added annually to the eighty pounds, that it stand and be recorded ninety pounds yearly, in two years after the end of the war with Great Britain. That the hay mentioned in the aforesaid report be understood to be English hay, and that all the articles mentioned in the call given by this town to Mr. Barnard and upon which the several sums offered him as a settlement and salary are stated, are understood to be good merchantable articles."

7 February, 1780. Samuel Seaton, Dea. Samuel Wilkins, Amos Flint, Jonathan Smith, and Benjamin Davis, were appointed a committee to make the necessary provision for the ordination of Mr. Barnard, in case his answer should be in the affirmative. It was also voted to allow the account of the committee for supplying the pulpit.

The committee appointed by the town, having presented

the invitation of the town to Mr. Barnard to become its pastor, and its votes relative to settlement and salary, received the following answer :

*" To the Church and Congregation in Amherst :*

RESPECTED FATHERS AND BELOVED FRIENDS : Some weeks have now past away since I received an invitation from you (by your honorable committee) to settle in this town in the important work of the evangelical ministry in conjunction with your present Rev'd Pastor, and be assured, my Christian friends, that, being deeply sensible of the difficulty and importance of a right discharge of the duties of the ministerial office to which you have invited me, I have taken the affair into the most serious consideration, together with the present circumstances of this town ; have frequently implored direction from above ; and asked advice from those who I trust are men of understanding and wish well to the Redeemer's kingdom and interest ; and, from the best light I have been able to obtain, it appears to be my duty to accept your invitation ; and I do accordingly give my answer in the affirmative, upon the encouragement you have already offered me, as explained in the last town meeting, and assure you that I shall, from this time forth, hold myself in readiness to be set apart to the work of the gospel ministry in this town, whenever a council, mutually and regularly chosen, shall have convened for that purpose. I am sensible, however, that the sum you have offered for my annual support is small, and I cannot but think you will generally esteem it to be so if you seriously consider the expensiveness of living in this place, by reason of company and the extraordinary labors of a minister among so large a people as this is at present, more than in the generality of towns, and likewise the sums usually given at this day ; but I am fully persuaded that it is not your desire, and that you will not suffer me to submit to the miseries of a poor and straightened condition, while faithfully discharging the duties of a minister among you, from the character I have had of you as a generous and benevolent people in a ministerial way. I doubt not but that your freewill offerings and generous donations will so richly compensate for the deficiency in the present offer that I shall be able to apply myself wholly to the work of the gospel ministry among you, without anxiety about worldly affairs. Now may God so overrule your hearts, my dear friends, as to do that from time to time which shall be most for His glory, the interest of the Redeemer's kingdom, and your own immortal souls. I now conclude, with asking your daily prayers at the throne of grace for me, that I may be enabled to be faithful and

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acceptable and also successful in my ministry among you, and that we may live together in the peace and order of the gospel here below, be mutual blessings in time, and each other's crown of rejoicing in that all important day when Christ shall come to make up his jewels. This is the sincere prayer of him who is yours to serve in the Gospel of Christ."

*Joseph Barnard*

A mutual council was called, which met Wednesday, 1 March, 1780, John Shepard, jr., Dea. Nahum Baldwin, and Mr. Amos Flint, appeared in behalf of the church and asked that Mr. Barnard might be ordained. To this objection was made, and the council, says Mr. Jonathan Livermore, of Wilton, who was a member by courtesy, was in a state of perplexity and doubt what course to pursue. After hearing the statements of the parties interested, they went into session and discussed the matter among themselves. Finally, Rev. Zabdiel Adams, of Lunenburg, moved that they proceed to the ordination of Mr. Barnard, as nothing had been alleged against his moral or Christian character, the opposition to him seeming to arise wholly from a desire of individuals to be set off in a parish by themselves. He stated that Mr. Barnard had failed of a settlement in another place, and if he failed here he would be driven to seek a livelihood in some other calling, and he thought it would be advisable to give him the benefit of an ordination, even if he remained but a short time in Amherst. To this it was objected that it would be impossible for him to live in peace and quiet in such a fire as was now raging here.

The committee of the church, being present, gave their opinion that the time had not arrived for a division of the town into two or more parishes; but pledged themselves that they would advocate the division at the proper time.

Finally, late in the day of 2 March, 1780, the council voted to proceed to the ordination of Mr. Barnard on the following day. On this occasion Rev. Jacob Bigelow, of

Sudbury, made the introductory prayer. Rev. Zabdiel Adams, of Lunenburg, a cousin of President John Adams, and grandfather of the late Chief Justice Bellows, of Concord, preached the sermon from Matthew 10 : 16. The sermon was not printed, but, knowing a little of the character of the preacher and the circumstances under which it was delivered, we may infer that it did not lack in plainness of speech. Rev. Ebenezer Bridge, of Chelmsford, gave the charge ; Rev. Daniel Emerson, of Hollis, the right hand of fellowship ; and Rev. Josiah Bridge, of East Sudbury, made the concluding prayer.

The following bill, presented for the entertainment of the members of the council, gives us some insight into the customs of the times and the habits of the "venerable" fathers who were "entertained" :

## THE TOWN OF AMHERST

To JONATHAN SMITH, DR.

For keeping the Council at the Ordination of Rev. Mr.

Barnard, in currency, £1,323 5s.

In silver,

To 89 dinners, at 1s.,	£4	9s.	0d.
58 suppers, at 8d.,	1	17	4
84 breakfasts, at 9d.,	3	3	
43 lodgings, at 4d.,		14	4
74½ mugs flip and toddy, at 10d.,	3	2	1
38 draughts, at 2½d.,		7	11
17 cakes, at 7d.,		9	11
6 lbs. cheese, at 6d.,		3	
16 mugs syder, at 3d.,		4	
54 horses, 24 h'rs, at 1s. each,	2	14	
13 horses baited, at 4d. each,		4	4
	£17	8s.	11d.

The feelings of a portion of the inhabitants of the town in regard to the settlement of Mr. Barnard are shown in the following paper, presented by them to the council prior to his ordination.



*To the venerable, the Ecclesiastical Council now convened for the purpose of setting apart and Ordaining Mr. Jeremiah Barnard to the Pastoral Charge of the Church of Christ & People of the town of Amherst :*

The Memorial and Remonstrance of us, Inhabitants of s'd Amherst, humbly Sheweth: That your Memorialists think themselves much Aggrieved, and are highly displeased with the Proceedings of that Part of the Church & People of this s'd Town of Amherst, who have taken it upon themselves (against so much Opposition) to call & invite the s'd Mr. Barnard to take upon himself the sacred office & character of a Gospel minister in this place, who—strictly speaking—has never even been heard a Day on Probation for Settlement here. As also with the Conduct of the s'd Mr. Barnard consequent thereupon. First, then we are not (now) about to object to the legality of the Town's Proceedings. But however Legal their Proceedings may have been, we do aver that they have been by no means justifiable. (In our humble Opinion) The Measures that they have adopted have been rash, hasty, ungenerous, and Imprudent, & in the Room of having a tendency to promote that Brotherly love and affection which for a long time past have been the strongest Bands of our Union, have a direct Tendency to promote Division, Malice, Ill will, Dissention, Animosities, & heart burnings, one against another, which horrid train of evils we humbly deprecate & earnestly pray God to avert.

It is to be observed that at the Time the several church and town meetings were called, relative to these Transactions for the Purposes afore mentioned, the Severity of the Season was such and the great & extraordinary falls of snow about that time rendered a general attendance of the Town morally impossible. In these circumstances, Gentlemen (with submission), what ought to have been the conduct of the Town, on a matter of so much Weight and Importance? Ought they not to have adjourned these meetings from Time to Time until the true sense of the People could have been deliberately taken?

On the other hand, how have they conducted those weighty matters? Have they not pushed them forward with the greatest Precipitation? and, notwithstanding they had but a small majority of votes on their side, have, Lawyer like, grasped hard at a Point of Law, not considering that *extreme Right* is oftentimes *extreme wrong*, paying no manner of Attention to the Opposition, which, altho' they are rather the Minority as to numbers, are the Majority in the pay of the Town, & in case Mr. Barnard should be settled here, we must be compelled to pay the major part of his Settlement & Salary, which we humbly conceive will be a grievance which cannot be justified either upon the principles of Civil or Religious Liberty. With regard to

Mr. Barnard, our Personal acquaintance with him is but slender. Neither have we sought every Means & Opportunity for a more intimate and perfect Knowledge of his Character & Abilities, which we might have done, & should have done, perhaps, had we really esteemed him as a Candidate on Probation for settlement among us. We allege, therefore, nothing against his moral Character, Life, or Conversation. Neither do we mean to accuse him of delivering any thing contrary to sound Doctrine. But, however, we must say that he is not the man of our choice, that he is not the man that we should choose for our Spiritual Guide—for our Instructor in the great & deep mysteries of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Neither do his Discourses (however doctrinally sound they may be) appear to us to be delivered in *Demonstration of the Spirit*, & with that Life, Power, & Energy, that we could wish for, nor yet with that clearness and Perspicuity that we think we should have a right to expect from a man thoroughly furnished to every Good Work, & from one that might come to us in the fullness of the Blessings of the Gospel of Peace. It is such a man that we want, and we think we have a Right to covet earnestly the best Gifts.

*Apt to teach.* To conclude, We hope that the sight of so many names as will be annexed to this Memorial will be sufficient to convince Mr. Barnard that he ought not to think of settling where there is so little Prospect of his being Beneficial unto the People or comfortable to himself. But (with due submission), should Mr. Barnard be so much mistaken as to think differently, & should *even* this venerable Council (in such case) proceed to Ordination, Candor obliges us—however disagreeable the necessity of dissenting from so worthy a Body—to say that we cannot, in justice to our own feelings, patiently acquiesce in a Decision, in our Opinion so manifestly injurious, both of the Rights of Civil and Religious Liberty. We shall, however, rest satisfied that the venerable Council *will lay hands not feebly on no man*, & that the Prayer of this Petition will be fully granted by their refusing to ordain—under the present circumstances—Mr. Jeremiah Barnard to the Pastoral care of the Church of Christ & People of this Town. In patient expectation of which your Memorialists, as in Duty bound, &c.

Isaac Abbot,  
Isaac Abbot,  
John Arbuckle,  
Benjamin Averil,  
John Averil,  
Capt. Andrew Bradford,

Capt. John Bradford,  
Lieut. William Bradford,  
Jeremiah Burnam,  
Joshua Burnam,  
Stephen Burnam,  
George Burns,

John Burns,	William Lamson,
John Burns, jr.,	Joseph Langdell,
Thomas Burns,	Daniel Lovejoy,
Oliver Carlton,	Joseph Lovejoy,
Thomas Carlton,	William Melendy,
Joshua Clark	Lieut. John Mills,
John Cole,	Knight Nichols,
Nathan Cole,	Timothy Nichols,
Samson Crosby,	Robert Parker,
Josiah Dodge,	John Patterson,
Samuel Dodge,	Capt. William Peabody,
Joseph Duncklee,	Wm. Peacock,
Lieut. Joseph Farnum,	James Russell,
Nathan Flint,	Daniel Smith,
Ephraim French,	Jacob Smith,
Larafora Gilbert,	James Smith,
Allen Goodridge,	Timothy Smith,
Daniel Gould,	Timothy Smith, jr.,
Richard Gould,	Benja. Sternes, jr.,
Jonathan Graham,	Samuel Sternes,
John Harvel,	Amos Stickney,
John Harwood,	Daniel Symonds,
Nathaniel Haywood,	Daniel Symonds, jr.,
Samuel Henry,	Benja. Temple,
William Hogg,	Thomas Town, jr.,
Benjamin Hopkins,	Joseph Tuck,
Ebenezer Hopkins,	Enos Upton, jr.,
James Hopkins,	Ezekiel Upton,
Abner Hutchinson,	William Wallace,
Benjamin Hutchinson,	Richard Ward,
Elisha Hutchinson,	Abijah Wilkins,
Nathan Hutchinson, jr.,	Daniel Wilkins, jr.,
Caleb Jones,	Joshua Wilkins,
Caleb Jones, jr.,	William Wilkins,
Nathan Jones, jr.,	Lemuel Winchester,
Josiah Kidder, jr.,	James Woodbury,
Solomon Kittredge,	Peter Woodbury."
Solomon Kittredge, 2d,	

31 March, 1780. Lieut. Reuben Mussey, Lieut. Ebenezer Weston, and Mr. Daniel Stevens, were appointed a committee to settle and adjust accounts with Rev. Mr. Wilkins from 11 June, 1779, to 11 June, 1780. They reported, 11

September, 1780, that they found £532, 5s., assessed for him the year past, which, reckoning corn at thirty dollars per bushel, amounted to fifty-nine bushels, which, taken out of 237½ bushels—which was due him according to contract—there was yet due him 178½ bushels, which at fifty dollars per bushel amounted to £2,670. (These were continental currency prices.)

11 September, 1780, voted that the town be assessed to pay Mr. Jonathan Smith's account for providing for the council at the ordination of Mr. Barnard, and Ebenezer Weston, Col. Robert Read, and Esquire Shepard, were appointed a committee to settle and adjust accounts with Rev. Mr. Barnard.

12 March, 1781. A committee, having been appointed to examine and report what sum of the present greatly depreciated paper currency will make good the contract between the town and Rev. Mr. Barnard for his settlement and salary this year, reported for the settlement £21,240 lawful money, and for salary, £9,439, 16s. Total of settlement and salary, £30,679, 16s. An error of £93 was discovered, which reduced the amount to £29,743, 16s. At the same meeting, Daniel Campbell, Capt. Josiah Crosby, and John Shepard, jr., were appointed a committee to settle with Rev. Mr. Wilkins respecting his salary from June, 1780, to June, 1781, who reported, 15 January, 1782, that he was entitled to 237½ bushels of Indian corn, or an equivalent equal thereto, and that the selectmen had assessed the town toward the payment thereof £4,000 old continental currency, equal to forty pounds lawful silver money, as adjusted by a late vote of the town, leaving due to him and still unassessed, the sum of seven pounds ten shillings, like lawful silver money, estimating corn at four shillings per bushel.

From the records it would seem that a part only of Mr. Barnard's settlement and salary for the first year of his pastorate was paid at the time agreed upon. Hence, we

find that the town, at a meeting held 4 February, 1783, chose Lieut. Thomas Burns, Capt. Hezekiah Lovejoy, and Mr. Amos Flint, a committee to settle with him "respecting his settlement and first year's salary."

This attempt at a settlement with Mr. Barnard failed, for we find the town voting, 3 December, 1783, not to pay Mr. Barnard any more than he has received for his settlement and first year's salary. It was also voted that the selectmen assess the whole town in equal proportion to eighty pounds a year, with lawful interest for the time the whole town had to pay Mr. Barnard. They were also directed to assess the remainder of the town, in equal proportion to eighty pounds a year for the time between the setting off the two parishes and the present time, with interest for the same, for his salary, if he accepts it, and they were directed to wait on Mr. Barnard to see if he accepts of these votes of the town respecting his salary.

But Mr. Barnard did not accept; and, at a meeting held 3 January, 1785, the town chose Capt. Josiah Crosby, William Peabody, jr., and Mr. Thomas Burns, a committee

"To settle an action brought against the town by Rev. Mr. Barnard, if a reasonable settlement can be had with him; otherwise to dispute his action in court."

John Shepard, jr., and Capt. Nathan Hutchinson were subsequently added to the committee, who were instructed to petition for a continuance of the action to the next term of the court, and that, in the intermediate time, the committee strive for a settlement with Mr. Barnard and make report of their doings at some future meeting of the town, and they were authorized to employ counsel if needed.

Enos Bradford, William Bradford, Daniel Campbell, Jacob Curtice, Benjamin Davis, Bartholomew Dodge, James Hartshorn, William Howard, Nathan Kendall, and Thomas Wakefield, entered their protest against disputing said action.

The following bond was given by Mr. Barnard to the members of the First parish, before commencing an action against the town to recover the balance due on his settlement and salary in 1784 :

" Know all men by these presents, that I, Jeremiah Barnard, of Amherst, in the County of Hillsborough and State of New Hampshire, Clerk, am Holden and stand firmly bound and obligated unto that part of the town of Amherst that are not legally discharged from paying any thing for my support in future as a minister of the gospel in the just sum of one thousand pounds lawful silver money, to the which payment I bind myself, my Heirs, Administrators, Executors and Assigns, firmly, by these presents, sealed with my Seal, Dated the twenty-second day of October, in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and eighty-four.

The condition of the above obligation is such that, whereas the above bounden Barnard, in order to recover the proportion of his salary and settlement that is due to him for the years seventeen hundred and eighty and eighty-one, and part of the year eighty-two, from the South-west and North-west parishes of Amherst, must commence and prosecute an action against the old parish, jointly with the other two parishes, although the inhabitants of the old parish have voted to pay him their proportion thereof. Now if such action shall be commenced and prosecuted, if said Barnard shall not suffer his execution to be served upon the persons and estates of the inhabitants of the said Old Parish who shall have paid the rates already assessed against them, for the said Barnard, within the term of six months from the date of this instrument, and shall not put them, nor any of them, to any cost or charge thereby, and shall discharge their part and proportion of such judgment or execution thereon, on request, then the foregoing obligation is to be void ; and otherwise to be in full force.

JEREMIAH BARNARD.

Signed, sealed, and delivered, in presence of us,

SAMUEL WILKINS.

THOMAS WAKEFIELD.

Rev. Mr. Wilkins, senior minister of the town, died 11 February, 1784, and his funeral was attended on the 17th, when Rev. Mr. Burnap, of Merrimack, preached from 1 Samuel xxv : 1. The town, at the annual meeting, 8 March, 1784, voted four pounds, five shillings, and one penny, to

defray the funeral charges, and directed the selectmen "to furnish gloves for the bearers."

John Shepard, jr., Daniel Campbell, and Thomas Wakefield were appointed a committee to erect a monument over his grave.

The monument, a choice specimen of the workmanship of the time, stands in the old cemetery, in the rear of the town-house, bearing the inscription,

"' Ecce Addisce Vivere.'

ERECTED

BY THE TOWN OF AMHERST

To the Memory of

REV. DANIEL WILKINS,

*Who departed this life Feb. 11, 1783,\* in the 73d year of his age  
and 42d of his ministry.*

He was a Gentleman of good natural and acquired abilities; he received the honors of Harvard University at Cambridge, in 1736, and was separated to ye work of ye ministry in 1741, at which time his church consisted of only five male members and his Charge of fourteen Families. As a Minister he was laborious; his Public Discourses were liberal and Sentimental, pathetic, solemn, and persuasive. He was endowed with a venerable presence and Commanding Voice and an Emphatic Delivery.

He had a tender Feeling for his Charge, and was a Partner with them in all their Joys and Sorrows; his conversation with them was Enlightening, Edifying, and Comforting.

He was an Example of Patience and Meekness, and always endeavored to promote Peace. His natural Temper was remarkably Sweet and pleasant. He had a high relish for ye refined pleasures of Friendship. His behaviour was not ceremonious, but grave, Yet Sprightly and agreeable. In a word, he was a Devoted Minister and Faithful Christian, a good companion, a tender Husband, and an indulgent Parent.

'The Sweet Remembrance of the Just  
Shall flourish when he sleeps in dust.' "

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\*An error. From contemporary records it appears that Mr. Wilkins died in 1784.

14 March, 1785, the town voted to pay Mr. Barnard seventy-four pounds, eight shillings, it being the balance due of his first year's salary and settlement. They also voted to pay him at the rate of £100 per year until the

setting off the South-west parish, with interest on the same after it became due, to the date of Mr. Constable Harts-horn's first list of taxes assessed for Mr. Barnard.

This vote seems to have settled the matter, and it was evidently brought about by the joint action of the voters of the First and South-west parishes.

13 March, 1786. Voted that "ten pounds annually be paid to Widow Wilkins, relict of their late minister, during her natural life, to commence from this time."

#### THE FIRST PARISH.

For some years after the incorporation of the Second and Third parishes, the business of the First parish was transacted at meetings called by the selectmen of the town, at which provision was made for the payment of Mr. Barnard's salary, repairing the meeting-house, fencing the graveyard, etc.

At a meeting held 12 March, 1787, twenty feet in length, in the centre of the front gallery of the meeting-house, extending from the front breastwork of the gallery to the rear of the back seats of the same, were appropriated for the use of the singers, who were allowed to accommodate themselves in such a way as they chose, at their own expense, "provided they did not obstruct the sight of the back pews."

Doubtless complaints were made of the manner in which the business of the parish was conducted, as we find that Mr. Justice Samuel Wilkins issued his warrant, 21 February, 1789, in obedience to the request of ten freeholders of the parish, calling a meeting on the 9th day of the following month for the purpose of organizing the parish.

At that meeting Samuel Wilkins was chosen moderator, Samuel Wilkins, Joshua Lovejoy, and Robert Fletcher, assessors, Jacob Curtice, collector, and Ephraim Barker, treasurer; and it was voted to pay the collector sixpence on the pound for collecting the parish taxes.



Grants of money were made from year to year for the support of Mr. Barnard and paying the current expenses of the parish; and in the warrant calling a meeting, 21 December, 1789, the voters were asked if they would elect one man to represent them in the General Court the next session!

For some years there seems to have been trouble in regard to the amount of salary to be paid Mr. Barnard. Several committees were appointed to confer with him in regard to it; but no satisfactory settlement was made until 19 December, 1794, when a proposition, made by him, was accepted by the parish.

According to this arrangement he was to receive an annual salary of ninety pounds, stated in silver money at six shillings eight pence per ounce, payable in two installments,—the first on the third day of March, and the second on the third day of September,—annually, with interest from the time of payment stipulated, when it was not paid within three months from that time; and, if he became unable to discharge the duties of his office, from age or infirmity, he was to receive forty pounds a year during his natural life.

Thirty dollars was voted “to be expended in teaching psalmody,” at a parish meeting held 19 March, 1798.

On the incorporation of the Second parish as the town of Mont Vernon, the necessity for a parish organization, separate from that of the town, ceased, and it was abandoned—the First parish becoming the town of Amherst.

#### THE MINISTERIAL LAND.

In accordance with the requirements of the grant of the township, one lot in each of the several divisions of the town—being one one hundred and twenty-third part of the whole—was set apart for the ministry; and, at the annual town-meeting in March, 1794, William Gordon, Samuel Dana, and Daniel Campbell, were appointed a committee to

inquire into the state of this land. They reported, 8 December, 1794,

"That upon examination of the proprietors' books, they found that lots were laid out and appropriated to that purpose in each of the several divisions in said town, and they were of opinion that the town had right, and that it was their duty to take all lawful means to prevent strip and waste being made thereon, and advised that the Selectmen be authorized and directed to prosecute, without exception, all those persons against whom they may judge sufficient proof can be made, who have in time past been guilty, or shall hereafter be guilty, of trespassing on said land."

At the annual meeting in March, 1797, the town voted to sell the ministerial land, and appointed the selectmen a committee to carry the vote into effect.

To this Mr. Barnard objected, saying the town had no right to sell the land ; but the town, at a meeting, held 26 June, 1797, directed the selectmen to proceed in the sale. It was also voted that the money received for the land should be equitably divided between the First and Second parishes, and placed at interest, the minister of the First parish to have the annual income from the share of that parish, and the minister of the Second parish the income from the share of his parish. This arrangement seems to have been satisfactory to all parties, and the ministerial land was accordingly sold.

Many votes are recorded excusing persons from payment of taxes as they claimed to belong to other parishes.

A case arose in the parish, in 1798, which gave rise to the first judicial decision made in the State in favor of religious toleration.

Dr. John Mussey, a resident in the parish at that time, was, 31 December, 1795, assessed seventy-five cents toward defraying the current charges of the parish, and, shortly after, two dollars and twenty-three cents toward paying Mr. Barnard's salary that year. These assessments he refused to pay, as he was a Presbyterian. After some delay the

parish officers directed the collector to collect them by distraint. Mr. Mussey, refusing to pay, was arrested and confined in jail, but finally paid the taxes and costs, under protest, and was released.

At the March term of court in 1800, he brought a suit against the assessors of the parish to recover the money and costs.

This suit the parish voted to defend, and appointed Samuel Wilkins, Daniel Campbell, and Charles H. Atherton, a committee to manage it in their behalf.

After hearing the evidence produced, and pleas of counsel, the case was decided for the plaintiff, at the term of the superior court held at Amherst, in May, 1803, Chief Justice Jeremiah Smith holding that, although the beliefs of the Congregationalists and Presbyterians were the same, they differed in their church government and discipline, and were therefore different sects.

In this decision Judge Livermore concurred; but Judge Farrar, who had before decided that Congregationalists and Universalists were of the same sect, dissented.

The parish afterward voted to raise \$250 to pay the execution and contingent expenses of the suit.

Mr. Barnard, and a large majority of his clerical brethren in New England, took decided ground in opposition to the measures adopted by the general government in the controversy with Great Britain, which resulted in the declaration of war against that country in 1812; and his hearers on the Sabbath were left in no doubt as to his views on public affairs, which were often expressed with a considerable degree of warmth.

For an unseemly display of temper in the pulpit, he was called to account by the town, at a meeting held for the choice of presidential electors in November, 1812, when a committee, consisting of William Fisk, Jedediah K. Smith, Daniel Warner, John Secombe, and Daniel Campbell, Esq., was appointed to confer with him relative to his late

"Mysterious conduct in the pulpit on the Sabbath of our Lord, the sixteenth of August last, his conduct generally, and particularly his wilful neglect of duty on the fast of the twentieth of August last."

Clifton Claggett, Charles H. Atherton, and Robert Means, were afterward added to the committee, and quite a controversy was carried on between the parties, of which but little record now remains. One of his letters, sent to the committee—which is not now to be found—was long afterward spoken of by Esquire Campbell as "Mr. Barnard's great gun."

His parochial labors were greatly increased by the sickness which prevailed in town in 1814. His health became impaired. Perhaps traces of the mental malady by which he was afterward afflicted began to make their appearance. Some dissatisfaction with his ministry existed, and the settlement of a colleague, who should share the burdens of the ministry with him, began to be talked of. At a meeting of the town, held 18 September, 1815, Charles H. Atherton, William Fisk, Clifton Claggett, Col. Robert Means, and Matthias Spalding, were appointed a committee to confer with him and ascertain upon what terms he would consent to have a colleague settled with him in the ministry. At an adjourned meeting, held 30 October, 1815, the following communication, received from Mr. Barnard by the committee, was laid before the town :

*Gentlemen of the Committee :*

I thank the town for their politeness in consulting me upon a subject of so much consequence to their peace and happiness, and by a committee so respectable, of whose friendship to me and regard to the best interests of the town I can entertain no doubt. I had knowledge of the objects now contemplated but just before the late town-meeting, and have been no adviser to the steps that have been taken, and I can say I still feel a willingness to serve the town so far as I am able and in the best manner I am capable of ; but when I reflect upon the greatness of my labors for the two last years, and the unusual efforts necessary to accomplish them, and consider the reduced state to which those exertions have brought me, both in body and mind, it appears, Gentlemen, impossible I should ever perform

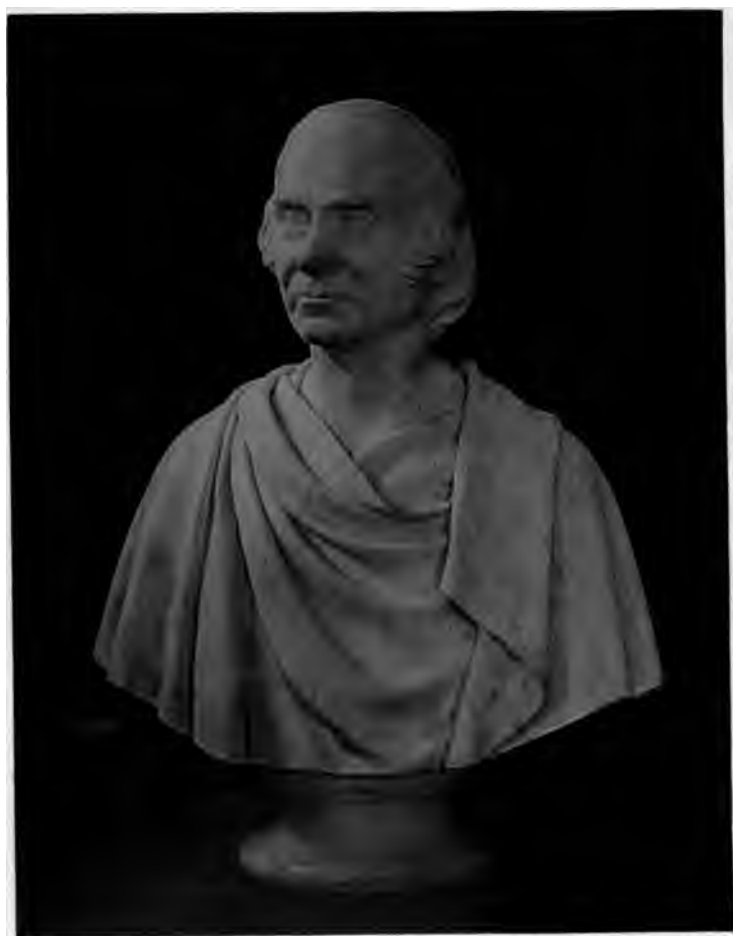
the duty of a minister through another such general and distressing sickness as either of those with which it hath pleased God to visit this people the two last winters. I am furthermore sensible, Gentlemen, that in my present debilitated state that correctness, precision, and flow of good argument,—so beautiful in composition,—and that energy and pathos so pleasing in delivery, always gratifying to an attentive hearer, which may be hoped for in a man in the prime or meridian of life, is not to be expected of me in this wintry age. From these considerations, Gentlemen, and from a desire that my people may be better furnished with the means of Christian edification and instruction, I am willing, yea, it will afford me a peculiar pleasure, should it be a gratification to them, to relinquish to the town the one half of my present salary whenever they shall have settled another man with me to take the burden and responsibility of the ministry off of my hands;—that is, I am willing to relinquish one hundred and fifty dollars annually toward the support of such ministry out of the sum the town now pay me as a yearly salary, and will relinquish the same ever after the day of his ordination, should such ordination take place in my lifetime. But, Gentlemen, should the town think best to postpone for the present all attempts for securing to themselves a better supply in the way proposed, I shall continue for the present to serve them with pleasure, and in the best manner I am capable of. I have no preference to dying in my bed rather than in my pulpit, and I had rather die promoting the edification of my people and laying the foundation of their salvation than to be employed in the most lucrative office in the power of man to bestow. Nevertheless, for the better spiritual edification of my people, I sincerely wish they may be agreed to settle a better and more capable man with me, to officiate in my stead; but, if an object adapted to be so useful and advantageous to the spiritual interest of this people, and so pleasant to me, can not take place, it may be well for Gentlemen to remember that if my performances have depreciated, my salary has depreciated likewise, and if the depreciation of the latter has been the cause of the depreciation of the former, perhaps they may yet find a remedy for the evil under which they suffer, though it be evidently too late to find a remedy that will be effectual. My health is gone, my constitution broken, and I can look for life here but a very little longer.

Wishing, therefore, divine success to attend the measures of the town respecting this important undertaking, I subscribe myself, Gentlemen, your most obedient humble servant in the Gospel of Christ.

JEREMIAH BARNARD.

October 28, 1815.





REV. NATHAN LORD.

After hearing the communication the town chose Charles H. Atherton, William Fisk, and Col. Robert Means a committee to procure a candidate to preach from four to eight Sabbaths.

SETTLEMENT OF REV. NATHAN LORD.

29 January, 1816. The town voted to concur with the church in giving Mr. Nathan Lord a call to settle as colleague in the work of the ministry with the Rev. Jeremiah Barnard in this town.

William Fisk, John Secombe, Thomas Underwood, Col. Robert Means, Matthias Spalding, William Read, William Dole, Daniel Campbell, jr., Levi Dodge, David Stewart, Richard Boylston, and John Kehew, were appointed a committee to "take into consideration and report to the town at this meeting what compensation the town will offer Mr. Lord as a salary."

After consultation the committee reported that they had unanimously agreed that in their opinion \$700 annually paid to Mr. Lord during the time he should officiate as a gospel minister in this town would be a suitable compensation for his services, and they recommended that sum for the adoption of the town.

The report of the committee was adopted, and it was further voted that \$100, annually, should be added to Mr. Lord's salary after the decease of Mr. Barnard, beside the interest of the money derived from the sale of the ministerial land.

William Fisk, Robert Means, William Read, Rev. Mr. Barnard, and John Secombe, were appointed a committee to transmit a record of the votes of this meeting to Mr. Lord.

The following letter was received from Mr. Lord, in answer to the communication of the committee of the church and town :



“SOUTH BERWICK, ME., Feb'y 16, 1816.

*To the Committees of the Church and Town of Amherst, N. H.*

BRETHREN AND FRIENDS: Your respective communications by Capt. Secombe, of the 29th Jan'y, have been under serious consideration since that time. I have submitted them to experienced and judicious friends to obtain their counsel respecting them, and have been careful to seek direction from the unerring spirit.

The circumstances in which I have been placed in relation to another people have occasioned much perplexity of mind, having been called by them to settle in the ministry. I have found no small difficulty in comparing their invitation with yours. To determine in what 'vineyard' it was my duty to labour has been no easy task, and I have trembled lest I should enter that for which God had not appointed me.

I have, however, been induced, by an increasing conviction of duty and by the united counsel of my friends, to give a negative to the proposals of the people of Arundel. On the same account, I am led to give, and do hereby give an affirmation to your invitation. I accept the proposals of the church and town of Amherst, and I beg leave to say that these proposals are satisfactory, and that the unanimity with which they were made is highly gratifying to my feelings. My confidence is strengthened by your expressions of good will, and should I become your minister I shall go among you with the sentiments of the warmest affection, and I trust with sincere desires and resolutions to promote your best good.

It is proper to say that the considerations which have influenced my mind and the minds of my friends in regard to this acceptance of your invitation are briefly the following: The town of Amherst presents to a minister of the gospel a wide and extensive field of usefulness. This field has been opened to me without a special hinderance. All the indications of providence relating to my settlement among you have been peculiarly striking, both at the time of my preaching at Amherst and in your subsequent measures. In consequence of these things there is a reasonable ground to hope that here I may fulfill the object of my ministry and benefit the church of Christ. And here I avow my object in complying with your proposals. It is to promote the interests of the Christian church. It is 'to save my own soul and the souls of other.' And, in the accomplishment of this object, I shall, by the grace of God assisting me, endeavor to regulate myself by the principles of the gospel. I shall know as your minister no party distinctions. I shall seek to understand the mind and will of God as revealed in the holy scriptures, to preach plainly and affectionately the doctrines of Christianity, and enforce its precepts.

I shall strive to maintain 'the watch and discipline' of the church, to reprove, rebuke, exhort with all long suffering and doctrine. These things, with divine assistance, I shall observe and do, and shall confine myself to the 'ministry of the word,' for 'I have determined not to know any thing among you save Jesus Christ and him crucified.' But, my brethren, the work of the ministry is arduous. I feel my unworthiness and insufficiency. I shall need your forbearance, your counsel and assistance. Above all I shall need your prayers to God that he would make my way prosperous and that his grace may be sufficient for me. I ask a remembrance in your petitions to the throne of grace that I may be upright, that I may be faithful and successful. I beg leave to present to the church and town of Amherst my most grateful acknowledgments for the exceeding candor, affection, and respect, which have been exercised toward me. And I pray that we may all have the direction of the Holy Spirit, that we may be permitted long to dwell happily together in this world, and at length be gathered with redeemed spirits and enjoy that rest which remaineth for the people of God.

I remain, with affection and respect, Your servant in Christ,



Rev'd JEREMIAH BARNARD, *Ch Com.*

Rev'd JEREMIAH BARNARD, Messrs. ROBERT MEANS, WILLIAM FISK, WILLIAM READ, JOHN SECOMBE,	} <i>Committee of the Town of Amherst.</i>
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P. S. With leave of providence, I expect to be in Amherst by the 28th of the month to attend to such arrangements as may be necessary in consequence of this communication. N. L."

12 March, 1816, the town voted to concur with the church in the ordination of Mr. Nathan Lord on the fourth Wednesday of May next.

John Secombe, Edmund Parker, and Col. Robert Means, were chosen a committee to act with the committee chosen by the church to issue letters missive to other churches to be present on the occasion.

The Selectmen, Edmund Parker, and Robert Read, were appointed a committee to provide for the council, and make such other arrangements as might be necessary for the ordination.

Maj. Turner Crooker and Capt. Peter Patterson were appointed marshals for the day, and it was voted to pay Mr. Lord one half of his first year's salary at the expiration of six months from his settlement.

Mr. Lord was ordained 22 May, 1816. The sermon on that occasion was preached by Rev. Asa McFarland, of Concord, from Mark XIII; 4. The charge was given by the senior pastor, and the right hand of fellowship by Rev. Humphrey Moore, of Milford.

Mr. Barnard was styled an Arminian in his religious belief, and had but little sympathy with the views of his Calvinistic brethren. In his church all shades of belief were tolerated, and all had an opportunity, by the system of ministerial exchanges then practiced, to occasionally hear their own peculiar views expounded and enforced.

Mr. Lord, on the contrary, was a decided Calvinist, and his teachings corresponding with his belief, a diversity of opinion among the members of the church soon became apparent.

A report of a conversation between Mr. Lord and a member of his church, shortly before her death, published in the *Cabinet* in November, 1817, was the commencement of a somewhat protracted correspondence between him and Hon. Charles H. Atherton, carried on in the columns of that paper until the editor declined its further publication.

The discussions then in progress in the churches in Massachusetts, the publication of Dr. Channing's sermon at the ordination of Mr. Sparks, at Baltimore, and the passage of the "toleration law," by the Legislature of the State, in June, 1819, intensified the feeling then prevalent.

A Universalist society was formed in town, of which the required notice was published 9 September, 1819, and

David Holmes, one of the deacons in Mr. Lord's church, published a pamphlet in which he defended the Unitarian doctrines.

In August, 1822, application was made to the selectmen for the use of the meeting-house—then the property of the town—one Sabbath, the desk to be occupied on that day by Rev. Henry Ware, of Cambridge. To this the selectmen gave their consent, officially and personally. The senior pastor was also willing the use of the house should be granted for that purpose, but Mr. Lord objected. Mr. Ware arrived in town for the purpose of filling an engagement to preach, but was met by a letter from Mr. Lord protesting against it, saying it

“Could not be supposed that he would favor his engagement, or acquiesce in the wishes of his friends.”

He closed by saying that he

“Presumed he would at least respect his feelings and rights, so far as to refrain from the use of the desk in this place, for the supply of which he considered himself alone responsible, and which was, therefore, by received usage, subject to his control.”

A communication from Clifton Claggett and others, members of the church in Amherst, of similar tenor, was handed to Mr. Ware at the same time. To each of these communications Mr. Ware returned an appropriate answer before leaving the place. The next day he filled his engagement by preaching at the court-house, and his discourse was afterward published.

A part of the members of the church, under the care of Mr. Lord, having seceded, application was made by them to the town for the use of the meeting-house such a portion of the whole time as the proportion of their polls and ratable estates should bear to all the polls and ratable estates in town. This, at a special meeting held 18 November, 1822, the town refused to grant, the vote standing—yeas, 87 ; nays, 131.

A similar request, made at the annual meeting in March following, was also denied, the vote standing—yeas, 87; nays, 179.

At the annual meeting in March, 1826, the town voted to dismiss an article in the warrant asking that the use of the meeting-house should be granted to the Universalist society on the second Sunday of the following September.

Two more applications for the use of the house by the Universalists were denied, the vote on the last being—yeas, 42; nays, 91.

In March, 1818, Samuel Wilkins, Robert Means, William Fisk, Daniel Campbell, and David Stewart, were appointed to examine into the business transacted between the town and the Rev. Mr. Barnard, respecting his support during the continuance of the first contract, and also to report whether it was expedient to discharge him from taxes already assessed on him, and excuse him from taxation in future. They reported, 21 September, 1818, that in their opinion it would be equitable that the town should relinquish the taxes assessed on Mr. Barnard's interest in the middle of the town, including one horse and two cows and the real estate on which he now lives, and that for the future he be exempted from taxation on the same. Their report was accepted.

In March, 1820, the town voted that all taxes assessed on Mr. Barnard, except those on his farm and stock now occupied by Joseph Spalding, should be remitted, and that he be excused from taxation this year, except on the property above named.

In March, 1821, they voted to remit all taxes already assessed on Mr. Barnard, and that for the future he should not be taxed.

Eight hundred and fifty dollars was raised annually for the salaries of the ministers until 1823, when the selectmen received the following letter from Mr. Lord :

"AMHERST, March 25, 1823.

*To the Selectmen of Amherst :*

GENTLEMEN : The pressure of these times upon the agricultural interest, and the withdrawing of a considerable number of the inhabitants of this town from the support of the ministry, may have made the burden of the ministerial salary inconvenient to many of the persons who are now called upon to bear it.

Believing it to be the duty of ministers to share, so far as they can consistently do it, in whatever sacrifice may be thought necessary to the maintenance of the Gospel, I am freely disposed to abate something of the terms of my contract made with the town at my ordination. Accordingly, I hereby relinquish one hundred dollars of my stipulated annual salary, which will now, in view of the tax usually assessed on me, be reduced to a sum short of six hundred dollars. And I do this for so long a time as the interests of religion in this place may be thought to require, or the necessary provision for my family will in any wise allow it.

Yours, very respectfully,

N. LORD.

Capt. JOHN SECOMBE,  
Capt. DANIEL CAMPBELL,  
Mr. ISRAEL FULLER."

From this time until 1828 but \$750 annually was assessed to pay the ministers' salaries. In 1828, \$850 was raised, and from 1829 to 1831, inclusive, \$150 was voted for that purpose. In March, 1832, the town, not greatly to its credit, voted to dismiss so much of the article in the warrant for the annual meeting as related to Rev. Jeremiah Barnard's salary, and no provision was made for its payment in 1833 or 1834.

1 September, 1834, they voted to make no defence in the action commenced by Rev. Jeremiah Barnard against the town of Amherst.

In January, 1826, Mr. Lord was afflicted with a violent cold, which affected his voice in such a manner that it was with difficulty he could speak. He however continued to supply the desk until the last Sunday in February, when his voice almost entirely failed. From that time until April, 1827, he was unable to preach, and was absent a

great part of the time on journeys for the recovery of his health. He preached 12 April, 1827, and his voice rapidly improved. In May, 1828, his voice again failed, and, being advised by physicians that the prospect of regaining it for some time at least was small, he accepted the presidency of Dartmouth College, to which he was elected in August of that year.

In consequence of this he asked to be dismissed from the pastoral care of the church.

A committee was appointed by the church, shortly after, to act with the pastor in arranging for the meeting of a council to act upon the question of his dismissal.

The council met 22 October, 1828, and, after hearing the statements of the parties, voted that the relation existing between Mr. Lord and the church should be dissolved on and after the 22d of November following.

3 November, 1828, the town voted that the contract which existed between the town and Nathan Lord be dissolved, the dissolution to take place when the pastoral relation to the church should be dissolved.

With the exception of carrying out the contract made with Mr. Barnard, the agency of the town, in the support of the ministry, ceased with the dismissal of Mr. Lord.

Mr. Barnard died 15 January, 1835, at the age of eighty-four years, nearly all the members of the church and congregation at the time of his settlement having preceded him to the grave.

This closed the town ministry in Amherst. It embraced the pastorates of

Daniel Wilkins, proprietary and town, 42½ years ;

Jeremiah Barnard, town and parish, 54½ years ;

Nathan Lord, colleague, 12½ years.

At the annual meeting in March, 1835, the town voted that the ministerial fund, or so much of it as might be necessary for the purpose, should be appropriated to pay the claim of Rev. Mr. Barnard against the town, and at the

next annual meeting the selectmen reported that they had paid, in settlement of an execution in favor of Mr. Barnard's estate, the sum of \$476.24.

At a meeting held 22 March, 1836, the town of Mont Vernon voted to take the "ministerial money," so called, to defray the current expenses of the town, the same to be paid into the treasury for that purpose; and so the avails of the sale of the "lot for the ministry," in Amherst, were disposed of.

The town was fortunate in the selection of its religious teachers. Mr. Wilkins well deserves the title of Father of the town. Among the first of the settlers, he identified himself thoroughly in all movements for their safety and well being. He toiled with them in the forests and fields, shared their poverty, educated their children, and in times of danger encouraged them by his advice and example. It is gratifying to know that in all their bitter dissensions, no one thought of assailing him. The inscription they caused to be engraved on the stone which marks his burial place gives their estimate of his character.

Mr. Barnard was altogether unlike his predecessor. His lot was cast in stormy times, among a divided people, and he possessed a will and energy to breast the storm. Not always wise or prudent in his utterances, his people soon learned that in a contest with him there were blows to take as well give. He lived and prospered where a man of a more quiet and peaceable disposition would have been crushed between the contending factions in the town. More tolerant of religious than political differences, he kept the people of his parish together, and when he retired they were ready to give a cordial welcome to his successor.

Mr. Lord came to his work while yet in the spring-time of life, a thoroughly educated gentleman, with decided convictions and an iron will. The civil dissensions in the town had been healed by the incorporation of the different parishes into towns; but differences of opinion existed in



his church which he was called upon to reconcile or combat. Into this contest he threw himself, with his whole energy, managing his case with consummate skill. The failure of his voice compelled his resignation, but he had thoroughly prepared this place for the reception of his whole-souled, earnest successor, Silas Aiken.

## CHAPTER XIII.

## CHURCHES AND RELIGIOUS SOCIETIES.

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## THE CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH.

The Congregational Church in Souhegan West was organized 22 September, 1741, and consisted of Daniel Wilkins, the pastor elect, Samuel Leman, Israel Towne, Samuel Lamson, Caleb Stiles, and Humphrey Hobbs.

On the following day Mr. Wilkins was ordained and installed as its pastor. Immediately after the ordination services six females were admitted to church membership.

The church was the third formed in Hillsborough county,—that in Nashua, organized in 1685, and that in Nottingham West (now Hudson), formed in 1737, only preceding it.

The articles of its covenant were as follows :

“We give ourselves up to God, the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, as the only living and true God, and unto Jesus Christ, our only Saviour, Prophet, Priest, and King, avouching the Lord to be our God, and by the assistance of his Holy Spirit to cleave unto this one God and Mediator, as persons in solemn covenant with him.

2. We also promise to give up our natural offspring to the Lord, solemnly binding ourselves to walk together in the ways of God's worship, and to cleave to his ordinances according to the rules of his word.

3. We promise to live in the mortification of our sin, and to endeavour the mortification of it in others, so far as the rules require, and to submit ourselves to the government of Christ in his church, and obey the orders thereof.

4. We promise to train up all under our care in the nurture and admonition of the Lord.

5. We promise to walk before God in our houses, and maintain the worship of God therein.

6. We promise to study to maintain the peace and purity of the worship of God with us, that the blessing of God may be vouchsafed to this part of his heritage.”

Humphrey Hobbs was elected deacon 6 January, 1742–43, but resigned the following year to enter the military service in the war then in progress against the French and Indians, and James Cochran was elected to fill the vacancy caused by his resignation.

The sacrament of the Lord's supper was usually administered five times in each year.

The first baptism of which we have any record was that of Deborah, daughter of William and Sarah Lancy, in September, 1743.

Neither Mr. Wilkins or Mr. Barnard left much account of the proceedings of the church during their pastorates, and the little left is now mislaid or lost.

After a ministry of thirty-four years, Mr. Wilkins's faculties, physical and mental, failed, and the town made preparations for settling a colleague. After two or more ineffectual attempts with other parties, Mr. Jeremiah Barnard was invited to become colleague pastor with Mr. Wilkins. He accepted the invitation, and was ordained and installed 3 March, 1780. The action of the church in regard to his settlement has been preserved and is here given.

At a church meeting held in Amherst on Tuesday, 9 Nov., 1779, Rev. Jacob Burnap, moderator, it was

"Voted, First that the church were satisfied with the preaching and ministration of Rev. Jeremiah Barnard since he has been among us.

Secondly, Voted to give Mr. Jeremiah Barnard a call and invitation to take the pastoral care and oversight of this Church and flock of our Lord Jesus Christ, and to settle with us in the Gospel ministry.

Thirty-one were present, of whom twenty-six voted yea, and five voted nay.

Thirdly, voted to adjourn this meeting till Monday next.

Monday, Nov. 15, 1779. The Ch'ch met according to adjournment.

The first vote again called and passed in the affirmative. The second vote again called: yeas, 47: nays, 8.

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Dea. Boutwell, Dea. Wilkins, and John Shepard, jr., Esq., were chosen a committee to wait on Mr. Barnard and acquaint him with the proceedings of the church. Amos Flint, John Shepard, jr., Esq., and William Bradford, were chosen a committee to wait upon the Selectmen to request them to call a town-meeting to see if the town will concur in giving Mr. Jeremiah Barnard a call and invitation to settle with us in the work of the Gospel ministry. Attest,

JACOB BURNAP, *Moderator.*

SAMUEL WILKINS, *Clerk.*

An account of the long ministry of Mr. Barnard may be found in another place. At last propositions were made to him by the town for the settlement of a colleague to share

the labors of the ministry with him. To these he returned a favorable answer, and, after hearing a candidate several Sabbaths, the church, at a meeting held 13 January, 1816, voted unanimously that Mr. Nathan Lord be invited to settle in the work of the ministry and take the oversight of this church and congregation, as colleague pastor with Rev. Jeremiah Barnard.

Voted, that Rev. Mr. Barnard furnish Mr. Lord with a copy of the above vote.

Robert Means, Esq., William Fisk, Esq., and Dr. Matthias Spalding, were appointed a committee to wait upon the selectmen of the town, acquaint them with the proceedings of the church, and request them to call a meeting of the town to see whether the town will concur with the church in the settlement of Mr. Lord in the work of the ministry, as above proposed, and what salary they will offer him for his support.

The town having concurred with the church in giving Mr. Lord an invitation to settle in the ministry in this place, and made satisfactory provision for his support, he signified his acceptance of the call.

A council was called for his examination and ordination, which met 22 May, 1816. The churches represented were those in Dunstable, Bedford, New Boston, Mont Vernon, Lyndeborough, Wilton, Milford, and Brookline. Rev. Thomas Beede was chosen moderator of the council, after which Rev. Jeremiah Barnard and Rev. Asa McFarland were admitted as members. Mr. Beede then resigned the chair, and Rev. Mr. Barnard was elected moderator, and Mr. Beede scribe.

Documents, consisting of the call of the church, the record of the action of the town, and the answer of Mr. Lord, were then laid before the council, after the reading of which the usual examination of the candidate was made, which, being satisfactory, the council voted to proceed to his

ordination and installation at half past eleven o'clock this morning.

The exercises on this occasion were :

Prayer by Rev. Thomas Beede, of Wilton.

Sermon by Rev. Asa McFarland, of Concord, from Mark XIII: 4.

Consecrating prayer by Rev. David McGregor, of Bedford.

Charge by Rev. Jeremiah Barnard.

Right hand of fellowship by Rev. Humphrey Moore, of Milford.

Concluding prayer by Rev. Stephen Chapin, of Mont Vernon.

Samuel Wilkins resigned the office of deacon 1 June, 1816, on account of his age and infirmities, and William Fisk and Dr. Matthias Spalding were elected deacons ; but at a meeting held 1 July following, both declined the acceptance of the office. Richard Boylston and Ephraim Blanchard were then elected, but neither accepted the appointment, and at a meeting held 23 August, 1816, it was voted that the election of deacons be indefinitely postponed.

The subject was again brought up, shortly after, and a committee was appointed to ascertain the minds of the brethren upon the subject, and to especially inquire who would be willing to serve the church in the office.

5 May, 1817, the committee reported a list of names from which a selection might be made, and, at a meeting held 29 May, David Holmes and Matthias Spalding were chosen, and set apart for the service by prayer.

Dr. Spalding, at that time, retained his connection with the church in Chelmsford, Mass., from which his relations were transferred by letter, dated 16 November, 1817, which was laid before the church in Amherst 3 May, 1818, when it was voted to receive him as a member of the church in this place.

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17 December, 1820. The church voted that it cordially approved the appointment of the twenty-second day of December instant as a day of thanksgiving among the churches in New England, and would observe that day for the same pious purpose. Mr. Lord was requested to prepare and deliver a discourse suited to the occasion.

David Holmes resigned the office of deacon 17 April, 1823, and the church voted to accept his resignation.

Edmund Parker was chosen deacon 1 November, 1823, but declined the appointment. Afterward, Amos Elliott was chosen, who accepted it.

A communication from Charles H. Atherton, David Holmes, Ephraim Blanchard, and Elizabeth Holmes, was laid before the church 30 May, 1824, in which they stated that they had united themselves with the "Christian society" in Amherst, and with others contemplated forming a church in said society on Congregational principles: wherefore they requested a vote of the church transferring their connection, as church members, to take effect when they should have become members of the church to be formed. They also asked that it might be accompanied with a certificate of their membership and regular standing, agreeably to the usages of the Congregational churches in New England.

This application was referred to a committee who reported, 21 June, 1824, that as the petitioners had already separated themselves from the worship and communion of the church, contrary to the rules of the gospel, the tenor of their covenant engagements, and the usages of the Congregational churches in New England, they could no longer be considered members in regular standing, and, therefore, could not be recommended as such. That while the church could not pretend to question the civil right of the petitioners to institute such forms of religion as they might deem proper and expedient, and although the exercise of this right had virtually disclaimed the fellowship and

authority of the church, the church could put no restraint upon them further than to remind them of their covenant obligations, but must leave them to the decision of a higher tribunal.

In conclusion they recommended that whenever the petitioners had formed themselves into a church, as proposed, the connection with this church should be considered as dissolved.

Which report was accepted, and the vote recommended was passed unanimously, and a copy was ordered to be transmitted to the petitioners.

A similar communication from Ephraim French and Timothy Nichols was answered in like manner.

Mr. Lord's ministry continued until 22 November, 1828, on which day his connection with the town and church was dissolved. He had been suffering for a long time from the effects of a violent cold, which had, at times, prevented him from preaching, and even speaking aloud. Being advised by physicians that his recovery was doubtful, he accepted the presidency of Dartmouth College, which was offered him in August, 1828.

#### CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH AND SOCIETY.

With the exception of carrying out the agreement entered into with Mr. Barnard in 1780, the agency of the town in the support of the ministry ceased with the resignation of Mr. Lord.

A meeting of the citizens interested in the subject was held 3 October, 1828, at which a society was formed under the name and title of the "Congregational Church and Society" in Amherst.

Edmund Parker was chosen clerk, David McGregor Means, treasurer, John Mack, James Bell, and Richard Boylston, standing committee, and John Secombe, Robert Means, and David Stewart, auditors.

Measures were at once taken for action with the church committee in procuring a supply for the pulpit.



## PROCEEDINGS OF THE CHURCH.

6 October, 1828, Dea. Matthias Spalding, Dea. John Hartshorn, David Fisk, 3d, Elijah Putnam, and Bartholomew Dodge, were chosen a committee to act in behalf of the church with a committee of the "Congregational Church and Society" in Amherst in procuring a supply for the desk, or a candidate for settlement, as soon as Mr. Lord ceases to supply the desk.

Edmund Parker was elected clerk.

The committee reported, 1 January, 1829, that they, and the committee appointed by the Congregational Church and Society, had contracted with Mr. Silas Aiken to supply the desk four Sabbaths, which he had done; that they then engaged him to preach four Sabbaths as a candidate for settlement, one of which had passed; and that the present meeting was called to consider the expediency of giving him a call to settle with the church and society as a gospel minister.

It was then moved and voted that the church invite Mr. Silas Aiken to settle in the work of the gospel ministry with them, and take the oversight and watch of the church and the "Congregational Church and Society," in Amherst, as colleague with Rev. Jeremiah Barnard.

The committee was requested to lay a copy of the proceedings of the church before the society at their annual meeting on Monday next, and ask their concurrence therein, and also in providing a suitable support for Mr. Aiken, and, in case of their concurrence, the committee was authorized to act with the committee of the society in giving him a call.

19 January, 1829. The society voted to concur with the church in their vote giving Mr. Silas Aiken an invitation to settle with them, and take the oversight and watch of the church and of the society, as a gospel minister.

They also agreed to pay him the sum of \$600 per annum, for his services, for so long a time as he should

continue to perform the duties of a pastor to the church, and a minister to the society, the same to be paid in semi-annual installments, and, in case he should wish it, to allow him a vacation of two or three Sabbaths each year.

A record of the action of the church and society was communicated to Mr. Aiken by the committees of the two organizations, accompanied by the following letter :

“AMHERST, January 19, 1829.

*Mr. Silas Aiken :*

DEAR SIR : The undersigned, a committee of the Church in this place, under the Pastoral care of the Rev. Jeremiah Barnard, and a Committee of the Congregational Church and Society in Amherst, in pursuance of votes of said Church and Society, herewith present you with a copy of the record of the proceedings of the Church, giving you an invitation to settle with them in the work of the Gospel ministry, and take the oversight and watch of the church and Society, as Colleague Pastor over the Church with the Rev. Jeremiah Barnard. Also a copy of the record of the proceedings of the Society, concurring with the Church in giving you said invitation, and fixing the sum they propose to offer you as a support or salary.

The Committee beg leave to add their earnest request that you will accept the invitation and settle with them as their minister.

Should you be pleased to give an affirmative answer, the Church will be ready to enter into a contract for the payment of your salary and make the necessary arrangements for your ordination.

With sentiments of great respect and affection, we are, Dear Sir, your sincere friends.

MATTHIAS SPALDING,  
JOHN HARTSHORN, JR.,

ELIJAH PUTNAM,

DAVID FISK, 3d.,

BARTHOLOMEW DODGE,

*Committee of the Church.*

JAMES BELL,

JOHN MACK,

RICHARD BOYLSTON,

DAVID MCG. MEANS,

EDMUND PARKER,

*Committee of the Society."*

*Mr. Aiken's reply :*

“To the committees of the Congregational Church & Society in Amherst :

DEAR BRETHREN & FRIENDS : I acknowledge the receipt of your joint invitation to settle with you in the work of the Gospel Ministry.

However arduous and responsible the work to which you have called me, and however incompetent I must feel myself to perform it in a

manner acceptable to God and profitable to you, yet such were the

circumstances of your request as to render the decision on my part far less difficult than it might otherwise have been.

From the first it has been my purpose to labor in the Lord's vineyard, wheresoever in his providence he might plainly point me; and, after a prayerful consideration of the subject of your invitation, believing, as I do, that an indication of duty is now given me, I hereby signify my acceptance, and, relying upon the assistance of Almighty God, and moreover upon your Christian kindness and sympathy, I am ready to labor among you in the Gospel of Christ, according to the ability which God giveth.

I will only add that the very recent date of my "*license to preach the Gospel*," and consequently a want of suitable preparation for the multiplied duties to which you have been pleased to call me may for some time render *exchanges* more frequent than otherwise I could have desired.

Yours in Christian affection,

SILAS AIKEN.

January 31, 1829."

Mr. Aiken, having accepted the call, a council was called, which met at the chapel 4 March, 1829, and was organized by the choice of Rev. John H. Church, moderator, and Rev. Humphrey Moore, scribe.

After examining the papers laid before them, and the pastor elect, the council voted to proceed to his ordination.

The church, society, and ordaining council, accompanied by a band, marched in procession from the chapel to the meeting-house, where the ordination services were performed.

Rev. Mr. Savage, of Bedford, offered the opening prayer.

Rev. Mr. Green, of Boston, preached the sermon.

Rev. Mr. Smith, of Hollis, offered the consecrating prayer.

Rev. Dr. Church, of Pelham, gave the charge.

Rev. Mr. Richards, of Francestown, the right hand of fellowship.

Rev. Mr. Nott, of Dunstable, the address to the church and society.

And Rev. Mr. Bradford, of New Boston, offered the closing prayer.



*John A. Smith*





*Silas Aiken*



The ordination services were interesting and impressive, and were listened to with profound attention by the large audience in attendance. The music, by a select choir, under the direction of Dr. Ambrose Seaton, was excellent.

Hon. Edmund Parker resigned the office of clerk, 8 April, 1829, and Rev. Silas Aiken was chosen in his place. Aaron Lawrence was chosen assistant clerk, and it was voted to contribute the sum of twenty dollars annually, for five years, to the funds of Dartmouth College.

Edmund Parker was elected deacon, 15 May, 1830, and accepted the appointment.

#### TEMPERANCE.

The following resolutions were adopted by the Congregational Church in 1830, and signed by 224 of its members.

"1. *Resolved*, that in our belief the use of ardent spirits has brought disgrace on our highly favored land, and ruin on thousands of our fellow-citizens.

2. *Resolved*, that it is the duty of every true patriot and friend of his country to exert his utmost endeavors to put an end to this disgraceful and destructive practice.

3. *Resolved*, that in our opinion the use of ardent spirits has been productive of innumerable evils to the church of Christ; that it has ruined the souls of men, hindered the progress and effect of truth, brought great and deserved reproach on the professors of religion, and through them on the cause of Christ.

4. *Resolved*, that it is the duty of every professed follower of Christ to use his utmost efforts to put a stop to this great sin, and so remove this stumbling block out of the way, and for this purpose not only to refrain from the use himself, but to use his influence to induce others to refrain.

5. *Resolved*, that we whose names are subscribed to these resolutions, members of this church, will abstain from the use of ardent spirits ourselves, except as a medicine, and will in every proper way discountenance and discourage the use of them in others.

6. *Resolved*, that we will endeavor, by the blessing of GOD, to live up to the spirit of these resolutions, that in the words of our covenant the blessing of GOD may be vouchsafed to this part of his heritage."

Judge Parker resigned the office of deacon prior to his removal to Nashua, and Abel Downe was chosen to fill the



vacancy, 21 June, 1836. David Fisk, 3d, was chosen deacon, 18 November, 1836, in place of Dea. Seaton, deceased, and Cyrus Eastman was chosen to that office 30 December, 1836.

30 December, 1836. The meeting-house building committee was authorized to sell and convey all the right the church had in the old chapel building, should they meet with a favorable opportunity so to do, it being understood that the proceeds of the sale were to be applied toward defraying the expense of removing and altering the meeting-house.

14 February, 1837. Rev. Mr. Aiken stated to the church, verbally, and in writing, that he had received an invitation to settle with the Park street church, in Boston, in the ministry, which, after due consideration, he had decided to accept. He desired that a mutual council might be called to consider the case, and dismiss him, if they thought proper.

The church reluctantly voted to grant his request, and appointed a committee to join with him in calling a council.

A committee was appointed, 21 February, 1837, to make provision for the accommodation of the council, and to lay before them every thing they might deem proper in regard to the request of Mr. Aiken.

The council met 28 February, and, after hearing the statements of the committee and pastor, voted that the connection existing between Mr. Aiken and the church, as pastor and people, be dissolved.

Provision was made, in conjunction with the society, for the supply of the pulpit by candidates and others after the withdrawal of Mr. Aiken, and on the 21st day of August following the church voted to give Mr. Frederick A. Adams a call to settle with them in the work of the ministry, and chose a committee to act in concert with a committee of the society in the matter.

A call having been given to Mr. Adams, and accepted, a committee was chosen, 2 October, 1837, to act with a committee of the society in calling a council for his ordination.

The council met 14 November. Rev. Ephraim P. Bradford was chosen moderator, and Rev. David Perry, scribe. The examination of the candidate being satisfactory, it was voted to proceed to his ordination on the following day, and the parts were assigned as follows :

Invocation and reading of the scriptures, Rev. David Perry, of Hollis.

Introductory prayer, Rev. John W. Salter, of Milford.

Sermon, Rev. Nathan Lord, of Hanover.

Ordaining prayer, Rev. Thomas Savage, of Bedford.

Charge to the pastor, Rev. Humphrey Moore, of Milford.

Right hand of fellowship, Rev. Edwin Jennison, of Mont Vernon.

Address to the people, Rev. Ephraim P. Bradford, of New Boston.

Concluding prayer, Rev. Austin Richards, of Nashua.

19 December, 1837, it was voted to pay \$100 from the church funds to the building committee of the meeting-house to relieve them from the liabilities they have necessarily incurred in completing the house, and that the same be paid prior to the 1st day of January, 1838. Forty dollars additional was voted to be paid as soon as the same could be spared from the funds of the church.

11 February, 1840, \$100 more was voted for the same purpose, fifty dollars to be paid immediately, and fifty dollars more when the state of the treasury would admit of it.

11 August, 1840, Mr. Adams read a communication to the church resigning his office as pastor, which was accepted at a meeting held one week subsequently, and Dr. Matthias Spalding, Aaron Lawrence, and Dea. David Fisk, were appointed a committee to join with Mr. Adams in calling a mutual council for his dismission.

The council, which met 24 September, 1840, organized by the appointment of Rev. Humphrey Moore as moderator and Rev. David Perry, scribe. After hearing the statements of all parties interested who chose to appear, they voted that the pastoral relation existing between Rev. Mr. Adams and the church in Amherst should be, and hereby is, dissolved.

Nothing appearing against the character of Mr. Adams as a Christian minister, or as a man, he was "cordially recommended to the Church of Christ as an able and faithful minister of the Lord Jesus."

At a meeting held 21 December, 1840, the church voted to give Rev. William T. Savage a call to settle with them in the gospel ministry.

11 January, 1841, a committee was chosen

"To extend to Mr. Savage an invitation to settle with us as our minister, and to contract with him for his annual support."

Mr. Savage gave an affirmative answer to the invitation of the committee, and a council was called by which he was examined, approved, and installed.

The services of installation took place 24 February, 1841, the different parts of the exercises being performed as follows :

Invocation and reading of the scriptures, Rev. David Perry, of Hollis.

Introductory prayer, Rev. James Means, of Concord, Mass.

Sermon, Rev. Thomas Savage, of Bedford.

Prayer of installation, Rev. Austin Richards, of Nashua.

Charge to the pastor, Rev. Humphrey Moore, of Milford.

Right hand of fellowship, Rev. Benjamin F. Clark, Chelmsford, Mass.

Address to the people, Rev. Jonathan McGee, of Nashua.

Concluding prayer, Rev. Stephen T. Allen, of Merrimack.

## ABOLITION TROUBLES.

At this time the rightfulness of African slavery in this country began to be considered in the church.

At a meeting held 17 February, 1841, Dea. David Fisk presiding, Bro. Luther Melendy presented an "abolition resolution," which was accepted for discussion. After which it was voted to dismiss it. Brother Aaron Lawrence then offered resolutions upon the same subject, which, after discussion, were laid upon the table, and the meeting adjourned.

The agitation of the slavery question and the attitude of the church in regard to it, produced an alienation of feeling on the part of some of its members, who refused any longer to assist in the support of preaching, and encouraged the establishment of, and attendance upon, a meeting in the chapel on the Sabbath in opposition to the regular services in the church.

In consequence of these offences, Brothers Luther Melendy and Loea Pratt, after having been visited by committees of the church, and refusing to give satisfaction, were, by vote of the church, 18 May, 1841, excommunicated from its fellowship.

Sympathy with the members thus excluded called forth a communication from eight other members of the church, in which, after reviewing the action of the church, they stated that they held the same belief that the excommunicated brethren avowed, and asked that they too might be cut off from the church organization as persons who could no longer fellowship with them as a Christian church.

On the receipt of this communication, at a meeting held 15 June, 1841, a committee was appointed

"To draft a reply, and to visit the signers thereof, and to endeavor to correct their misapprehension and misstatement of the grounds of the church action, and recover them to a proper state of Christian feeling and conduct."

At a meeting held 29 June, 1841, a series of resolutions, adopted by the Hillsborough County Conference, in relation to the subject of slavery, was laid before the church, and adopted by a large majority.

After deferring action upon the request of the petitioners to be excluded for some time, and hearing statements from some of them in church meeting, it was finally voted that, with two exceptions (one had died and the other had not been visited), the request of the petitioners should be granted.

At a meeting held 15 March, 1842, another of the petitioners was excluded, at his own request.

4 April, 1843. Difficulties having arisen between the pastor and some of the members of the church, a mutual council was called, which met, and, after hearing the statements of the parties interested, who wished to be heard,

“Voted, that it is expedient that the relation existing between the Rev. William T. Savage and this church be, and hereby is, dissolved.”

22 April, 1844. The church voted to give Rev. J. G. Davis a call to settle with them in the gospel ministry, and chose Aaron Lawrence, Daniel Campbell, Daniel Hartshorn, Elijah Putnam, and David Stewart, a committee to join a committee of the society (should the society concur with the church) in giving Mr. Davis a call.

The society concurring with the church, an invitation was given to Mr. Davis, and accepted.

A council was called, and he was ordained 22 May, 1844. The exercises on that occasion were as follows :

Invocation and reading of the scriptures, Rev. Mr. Aiken, of Hollis.

Introductory prayer, Rev. Mr. Warner, of Milford.

Sermon, Rev. Mr. Rogers, of Boston.

Ordaining prayer, Rev. Mr. Savage, of Bedford.

Right hand of fellowship, Rev. James Means, of Concord, Mass.

Address to the people, Rev. Matthew Hale Smith, of Nashua.

Concluding prayer, Rev. Humphrey Moore, of Milford.

2 January, 1845. Barnabas B. David and Richard Boylston were elected deacons. Mr. David accepted, and Mr. Boylston declined, the appointment.

The want of a more suitable room for the social meetings of the church having long been felt, the erection of a new building, separate from the church edifice, was projected by the late Mrs. Robert Means, who headed the subscription list with a liberal sum, which was followed with equal liberality with subscriptions by Mr. Richard Boylston and others, the church contributing \$100. After some controversy in regard to the location of the building, a site was agreed upon, and the house erected.

The work was performed by Messrs. Jotham Hartshorn and sons in a highly acceptable manner, and the house was dedicated 20 January, 1850, at which time an appropriate discourse was preached by Rev. Mr. Davis from Col. iii: 16.

The building is 44 x 28 feet, with 14 feet posts, and cost about \$1,000.

The old chapel, formerly the court-house, erected in 1788, was sold to Harrison Eaton, in 1867.

At a meeting of the church, held 4 September, 1866, leave of absence for six months was granted to the pastor, to enable him to solicit funds for the benefit of Dartmouth College.

The Sunday-school connected with the church, in March, 1873, consisted of 3 officers, 17 teachers, and 160 pupils, and was under the direction of Capt. Geo. W. Bosworth, superintendent.

Public worship, which had been suspended for six Sundays, while the audience room in the meeting-house was undergoing repairs, was resumed 12 November, 1873.

The sum of \$1,400, a legacy left by Dea. Aaron Lawrence for the establishment of a fund to be known as the

“Lawrence fund,” for the support of public worship in the Congregational Church, of which he was a member, was placed in the Nashua Savings Bank by his executors, 23 November, 1870. It was provided that the *extra* dividends on the deposit should be added to the principal, and the regular dividends drawn annually and applied to the purposes specified in the will. Should the church at any time become extinct, the fund is to be transferred to the New Hampshire Missionary Society, and its annual income applied in carrying on the work of that organization.

The sum of \$700 was donated to the church, 24 November, 1877, by Jotham Hartshorn, Esq., for the establishment of a fund to be known as the “Hartshorn fund.” This fund is to be kept at interest, and its annual income appropriated for the support of preaching in the Congregational Church in Amherst. Should the church at any time become extinct, this fund also is to be transferred to the New Hampshire Missionary Society, and its annual income used in the work of that society.

A fund of \$500 for the support of music in the church is now invested in the bonds of the Nashua and Lowell railroad.

After a long and faithful ministry, Rev. Dr. Davis resigned his pastorate. The letter containing his resignation was laid before the church 19 May, 1879, and was as follows :

*“Christian Brothers and Friends :*

As you are about to make an arrangement for the support of the ministry for another year, it has seemed to me proper that I should anticipate the communication which would regularly be submitted first to the church, by informing you that I wish to relinquish my pastoral charge at an early day.

I find myself so hindered in my work by certain infirmities of body that I am persuaded that I can not longer fulfill the duties of my office with comfort to myself and with profit to you. I shall accord—

ingly invite the Church to unite with me in measures for the dissolution of the pastoral relation.

With Christian love, your Pastor,

J. G. DAVIS.

The resignation of Dr. Davis was accepted, and a series of resolutions, expressive of the feelings of the church toward him, was passed at a meeting held 29 May, 1879.

Rev. Wm. Clark, D. D., was appointed to act on the part of the church with a committee of the society in procuring supplies for the desk.

At a meeting held 9 December, 1879, the church voted to give Mr. Willis D. Leland a call to become its pastor, which action having been concurred in by the society, a call was given, which was accepted by Mr. Leland 3 January, 1880. A council was called, which, after the usual examination, proceeded to his ordination, 22 January, 1880, when the report of proceedings of council were read by Rev. D. B. Scott.

Prayer was offered by Rev. C. W. Wallace, D. D.

Reading of scriptures, by Rev. K. F. Norris.

Sermon, by Rev. E. B. Webb, from John xvi : 20.

Ordaining prayer, by Rev. F. Alvord.

Charge to pastor, by Rev. F. D. Sargent.

Right hand of fellowship, by Rev. E. G. Selden.

Address to the people, by Rev. J. G. Davis.

At a meeting held 8 April, 1880, the church voted to adopt the use of the "unfermented juice of the grape" for sacramental purposes.

A request that the use of wine might be continued to those that preferred it was referred to a committee of the officers of the church, who, being equally divided in their opinions, made two reports,—one recommending that the prayer of the petitioners be granted, and the other being opposed to it. The last named report was accepted and adopted.



At the same meeting it was voted that the sisters of the church be allowed to vote in the choice of deacons at this meeting, and that they be allowed to vote at all future meetings of the church on the same terms as the brothers.

A change was made in the tenure of the office of deacon, by which it was arranged that there should be four of these officers, one retiring each year. The change, however, was not to affect those then in office. In accordance with this vote, Daniel W. Sargent and Joseph E. Fowle were elected deacons, the term of the first to expire 1 May, 1883, and the term of the last, 1 May, 1884.

A series of rules for the government of the church was adopted 29 October, 1880.

The whole number of members who have been admitted to the church by letter and profession since 22 May, 1816, is 747. The whole number of members 1 May, 1881, was 189,—56 males and 133 females.

The officers of the church, 1 January, 1882, were

Rev. Willis D. Leland, Pastor.  
Barnabas B. David,  
Aaron S. Wilkins,  
Daniel W. Sargent,  
Joseph E. Fowle, Deacons.

#### PASTORS OF THE CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH.

Daniel Wilkins, ordained and installed 23 Sept., 1741; d. 11 Feb., 1784.  
Jeremiah Barnard, ord. and inst. 3 March, 1780; d. 15 Jan., 1835.  
Nathan Lord, ord. and inst. 22 May, 1816; dis. 22 Nov., 1828; d. 9 Sept., 1870.  
Silas Aiken, ord. and inst. 4 March, 1829; dis. 5 March, 1837; d. 7 April, 1869.  
Frederick A. Adams, ord. and inst. 15 Nov., 1837; dis. 24 Sept., 1840.  
William T. Savage, inst. 24 Feb., 1841; dis. 4 April, 1843.  
Josiah G. Davis, ord. and inst. 22 May, 1844; dis. 22 Jan. 1880.  
Willis D. Leland, ord. and inst. 22 Jan. 1880.

#### DEACONS.

	Elected,	Resigned,	Died,	Age,
Humphrey Hobbs,	6 Jan., 1743	1744	1756	44
Joseph Bontell,	3 June, 1743		19 May, 1795	88

## DEACONS.

	Elected,	Resigned,	Died,	Age,
James Cochran,	1744		5 Jan., 1774	
Samuel Wilkins,	10 Jan., 1774	1816	27 Dec., 1832	90
John Seaton,	10 Jan., 1774	1787	1793	
Nahum Baldwin,	10 Jan., 1774		7 May, 1788	54
Ephraim Barker,	18 June, 1788		29 Sept., 1800	68
Joshua Lovejoy,	18 June, 1788	1794	28 Jan., 1832	88
Amos Elliott,	3 Sept., 1795		7 April, 1807	52
John Seaton, jr.,	3 Sept., 1795		4 Oct., 1836	80
John Hartshorn,	1 Sept., 1808		28 Nov., 1842	83
Matthias Spalding,	29 May, 1817		22 May, 1865	95
David Holmes,	29 May, 1817	1823	1 Nov., 1867	89
Amos Elliott, jr.,	1 Nov., 1823		27 April, 1826	44
Edmund Parker,	15 May, 1832	1836	8 Sept., 1856	73
Abel Downe,	21 Jan., 1836		28 Sept., 1840	52
David Fisk, 3d,	18 Nov., 1836	1860	22 June, 1873	80
Cyrus Eastman,	30 Dec., 1836		17 Dec., 1862	75
Barnabas B. David,	2 Jan., 1845			
Edward D. Boylston,	12 April, 1860	1878		
Aaron Lawrence,	2 Nov., 1860		1 Sept., 1867	62
Charles H. David,	2 Nov., 1871	1874	17 Oct., 1880	65
Aaron S. Wilkins,	9 April, 1874			
Zaccheus G. Perry,	9 April, 1874	1880		
Daniel W. Sargent,	8 April, 1880			
Joseph E. Fowle,	8 April, 1880			

## THE UNIVERSALIST SOCIETY.

9 September, 1819, public notice was given by Israel Fuller, clerk of the society, that Eber Lawrence, Isaac Chickering, and others, had formed themselves into a religious society to be known by the name and style of the "Universalist Society" in Amherst.

## THE CHRISTIAN OR UNITARIAN SOCIETY.

Public notice was given, 27 March, 1824, by David Holmes, clerk of the society, that on the 24th day of that month Charles H. Atherton, David Holmes, Ephraim Blanchard, E. F. Wallace, and others, had associated and formed themselves into a religious society by the name and style of the "Christian Society" in Amherst.

Rev. Edmund Quincy Sewall was ordained and installed pastor of the Christian Church and Society (Unitarian) 26 January, 1825. The exercises on this occasion were as follows:

Introductory prayer and reading of scriptures, Rev. Levi W. Leonard, of Dublin.

Sermon, Rev. John Brazer, of Salem.

Consecrating prayer, Rev. Charles Lowell, Boston.

Charge, Rev. John Pierpont, Boston.

Right hand of fellowship, Rev. John G. Palfrey, Boston.

Address to the church and society; Rev. Nathaniel Thayer, Lancaster.

Concluding prayer, Rev. Elijah Dunbar, Peterborough.

The day was fair and pleasant, and a large audience was in attendance.

Mr. Sewall continued pastor of the society about one year. A church was organized and continued in existence for some time; but its records, like the early ones of the First Congregational Church, are lost. In 1834 Rev. Lyman Maynard was employed as pastor by a union of the Unitarian and Universalist societies in town, and continued here until 1838. During his pastorate the new meeting-house (now Baptist) was built by members of the two societies. After the removal of Mr. Maynard, Dr. Amory Gale and others conducted the Sunday services at the church for some time. Afterward the desk was occupied for a year or two by Rev. William Hooper, Universalist.

Finally, the house was sold to the Baptist Society, and the Unitarians and Universalists in town have become connected with other societies.

#### THE FIRST BAPTIST SOCIETY.

An association for the support of preaching on Chestnut hill was organized 6 October, 1828, under the name of the First Baptist Society in Amherst, N. H., by the following persons:

Ralph Holbrook,	James Prince,
Ebenezer Holbrook,	Robert Fletcher,
Oliver Mears,	Otis Fletcher,
Franklin Mears,	Benjamin Damon,
Henry Tewksbury,	John Washer,
Joseph Harvill,	Benjamin F. Shepard, and
John Rollins,	Joseph Harraden.

The church was organized 2 July, 1829, ministers from the churches in Londonderry, Milford, New Boston, and Goffstown, being present at the council called for the purpose. Rev. Samuel Abbot, of Londonderry, was moderator, and Rev. Simon Fletcher, of Goffstown, clerk of the council.

The society held their meetings for Sunday services on Chestnut hill until 1837, when they removed to the Plain, a large addition made to their number, the result of a protracted meeting held in February, 1835, making such a movement advisable.

Here for a time they had no sure abiding place. Sometimes they worshiped in the old school-house north of the court-house, at the east end of the common, sometimes in the court-house, and afterward in a small hall over the old Read store, which stood near where the soldiers' monument now stands. 19 November, 1841, arrangements were made with the proprietors of the Unitarian meeting-house for the use of their house a portion of the time.

Having become proprietors of two thirds of the pews, the house was, agreeably to a condition in the subscription to the shares for building it, transferred to them by the Unitarian society by deed dated 7 April, 1844. It was repaired in 1851, and in 1870. Since the purchase of the meeting-house, a parsonage has been built and fitted up.

A communion set has been presented to the church by Mrs. Mary Twiss and her children; and a legacy of \$250—now amounting to nearly \$400—was left by Miss S. Luc Lawrence to purchase a bell to be used on the church.

The desk was supplied by different persons, for a short time each, until 1841. Since that time, the ministers have been

Rev. Mason Ball, 1841 to 1844.  
Rev. Aaron Hayes, 1844 to 1845.  
Rev. Amasa Brown, 1845 to 1847.  
Rev. David Burroughs, 1849 to 1851.  
Rev. Samuel Jones, 1856 to 1857.  
Rev. John H. Thyng, 1857 to 1858.  
Rev. Samuel Cook, 1858 to 1859.  
Rev. Amos W. Boardman, 1859 to 1861.  
Rev. J. Baskwell, 1863 to 1865.  
Rev. John Peacock, 1866, nearly two years.  
Rev. Eli P. Noyes, 1868 to 1870.  
Rev. Albert Heald, 1870 to 1876.  
Rev. J. H. Lerner, 1877 to 1879.  
Rev. Gorham W. Estabrook, 1879 to 1881.  
Rev. E. J. Colcord, 1881.

The number of members of the church, 1 March, 1882, was—males, 21 ; females, 45=66.

#### THE METHODIST SOCIETY.

Rev. Orlando Hinds, who commenced his labors here in 1829, is said to have been the first Methodist preacher in Amherst. His immediate successors were A. M. Howe and J. C. Cromack.

The first Methodist society was organized in 1839.

The first quarterly meeting of which any account has been preserved was held 19 September, 1834, at which John Haseltine, Isaac Weston, and William Brown, of Amherst, Freeman Nichols, of Merrimack, and William Coggin, 2d, of Mont Vernon, attended with the presiding elder. At that time the societies in Amherst and Goffstown were united, and the quarterly meetings were held alternately in both places.

Rev. James Adams supplied the desk in 1837 and 1838, and Rev. Levi W. Davis in 1839 and 1840.

But little is found in the records from 1834 to 1840. In 1840 the record closed. After this, preaching was supplied occasionally by members of the Biblical Institute at Concord.

In the autumn of 1839 the erection of a chapel was commenced, which was finished in the course of the following winter, and dedicated to the worship of God 22 April, 1840, on which occasion a sermon was preached by Rev. Jared Perkins.

In the afternoon of the same day a temperance lecture was given in the chapel by Rev. Mr. Jones. In 1845 and 1846 preaching was furnished by Rev. A. H. Fullerton, and in 1847 by Rev. Caleb Dustin.

The record is resumed in 1850, when a conference meeting was held. In 1852 Franklin Furber supplied the pulpit. After this the prospect was far from encouraging for the society, as we read that

“There was no reason to think that the church was open much of the year, for the cobwebs gathered within it, the blinds were closed and darkness rested on the hearts of many.”

In 1854 a social gathering or tea party was held at the residence of Dea. B. B. David to raise funds for renovating the chapel and supporting preaching. The effort was successful, and Rev. Charles Merrill was placed in charge as preacher, and, as a result of his ministry, quite a number of young men were added to the church. During his ministry the communion plate formerly used by the Unitarian church in this town was presented to the society by Mrs. Charles G. Atherton.

Mr. Merrill remained here two years, and after his departure preaching was supplied for some time by members of the Biblical Institute.

About 1857 a Mr. Seeley was sent here as a supply. He remained one year, and his ministry was a failure. In 1858 and 1859 the desk was supplied by Messrs. Tucker, Hammond, Clippenger, and others from the Institute.

In 1860 Charles Pyke was sent here as a preacher, and the selection proved to be an unfortunate one for the society. From 1861 to 1866 the chapel was closed. After this time it was again opened, and a member of the Boston Seminary supplied the desk a short time. He was followed by Levin P. Causey, who also remained but a short time, and services were again suspended.

In 1871, mainly through the efforts of Mrs. Mary W. Few, the chapel was painted and refitted, and an effort was made to sustain preaching.

At first, fortunately, as it proved, they were disappointed in not obtaining the preacher they wanted, and the one sent not being acceptable, the desk was again supplied by students in the University.

Rev. B. W. Chase commenced his labors here in the fall of 1871, and his report at the close of the year was a favorable one. He continued here two years, and his ministry was successful.

He was succeeded in 1872 by Rev. Geo. W. Ruland, who continued here until 1874. Since then the ministers have been

1874, Rev. J. Mowrey Bean, until 1876.

1876, Rev. J. R. Bartlett, until 1877.

1877, Rev. W. R. Dille, until 1880.

1880, Rev. James Noyes, until 1881.

1881, Rev. I. Ainsworth.

Mr. Ainsworth relinquished his charge, and left the denomination before the close of the year, and the church is now united with that in Milford. Present number of members, 44—about a dozen of whom are males.

The chapel was enlarged and remodeled in 1879 at an expense of little more than \$1,400.

#### CHURCH MUSIC.

The music in the Sunday services at the meeting-house in the early part of Mr. Wilkins's ministry was doubtless of the most primitive kind. After the announcement of

the hymn, one of the deacons would read a line or two, and the congregation would respond by singing it, the reading and singing being continued alternately through the hymn. As the gift of music seems to have been hereditary in the Shepard family, we may suppose that Col. John Shepard and his son, Col. John, jr., each in their time took a leading part in these services. After the arrival of the Seaton's, they probably assisted, or led, in the singing.

A family tradition relates that when Mr. Boutell was elected deacon, he declined accepting the office, as he said he "could not read very well," probably in reference to reading the hymns in church. His brethren, however, told him they liked him all the better for his confession, and insisted upon his accepting the office, which he filled until his death to the entire satisfaction of his brother church members.

Dea. Ephraim Barker was prominent among the musicians in the second meeting-house. Dea. John Seaton, jr., was afterward leader. David S. Eaton, who married one of Mr. Barnard's daughters, was chorister for some time. During his administration it is said that the choir had been making preparations for a grand display on Independence day. Something had taken place during the rehearsals which offended many of the members, and one Sunday morning, just before the fourth of July, the chorister found himself alone in the singing pew. Not caring to furnish the music alone, he too left his seat, and placed himself in one of the gallery pews, near by. Mr. Barnard took his place in the pulpit, and was not long in discovering the state of the singing pew. He conducted the opening exercises, and read the hymn as usual; but, getting no response from the choir, laid down the book with some force, and called up the audience to join in the long prayer, which lacked on that occasion neither length nor pungency. One after another, the singers returned to their accustomed places, and, when the inevitable fusilade of falling seats



was over, the singing seats were filled, and Jérémie's heart was gladdened by a hearty response to the next hymn he read. Jonathan Hildreth, a grandson of the first Col. Shepard, was a noted musician in his day, and leader of the choir until his death, 5 July, 1816. He made two or three bass-voils, which were used in the singing seats to aid the vocal performers. Eliab Wilkins, brother of Aaron, was a skilful player on these instruments. Benjamin Kendrick, another grandson of Col. Shepard, was chorister some years. His daughters, also those of his cousin Hildreth, the daughters of Judge Claggett and Mr. Ephraim Goss, were connected with the choir, and most of them were excellent vocalists. After the introduction of bass-voils, violins, clarinets, and other instruments, were used to aid the singers in the Sunday services. Mr. Hugh Moore, a dear lover of music, played the violin some years at the old church, and afterward at the Unitarian—now Baptist—church. Those now living, who were boys and girls in Amherst forty years ago, will recall his appearance as he crossed the common, Sunday morning, on his way to meeting, a man of massive frame, erect as a forest pine. His queue—the last one seen in Amherst—nicely combed, and neatly tied with a pink or blue ribbon, hung over his coat-collar. Under his left arm he carried his violin-case, and in his right hand a stout hickory cane to aid his steps. He retained his faculties, physical and mental, remarkably, and when he had seen the snows of fourscore winters, "his eye was not dim," and his natural force but slightly abated. Seven years later age had got the mastery, and he retired to his house to suffer and die. During his last illness, Major Little, the crippled melodeon player, called upon him, and was introduced by a friend. They talked of the old Scotch songs which the veteran loved, and which Little played and sung to him, while the tears rolled down his cheeks. After an hour of enjoyment the visitor took his leave, and afterward reported that just as the door was

closing he heard "Uncle Hugh" muttering to himself, "I swear, I'll pray for him, I will."

Near the close of Dr. Lord's ministry, there was trouble in the choir, and the singers, with the exception of Ambrose Seaton, the leader, left the seats. The minister read the morning hymn, but there was no response. Presently, the senior deacon rose from his seat in front of the pulpit, and called upon the congregation to unite in singing St. Martin's, himself leading off in a voice tremulous with age. For some time he sung alone, but before the hymn was finished he had a respectable following. During the performance the chorister was heard going down the stairs in the west porch, at least two steps at once, and after landing upon the common it was noticed that his steps toward his board-ing-house were of remarkable length.

In 1830 an organ was purchased of John Prentiss, Esq., and Mrs. Prentiss acted as organist many years.

Aaron Lawrence, then a young man, aided largely in this part of the Sunday services in the church. After Mrs. Prentiss left town he acted as organist, and as his means increased he spared neither time nor money to keep the peace among the singers and afford them all needful instruction and help in their performances. In 1864 a new organ was purchased of the Messrs. Hook of Boston at an expense of \$1,000, one half of which was contributed by Mr. Lawrence. During this time Mr. Elbridge Hardy acted as chorister, assisted a portion of the time by Mr. Benjamin Kendrick and his family. In 1873 a new organ, built by G. H. Ryder, of Boston, was purchased, and used for the first time at the centennial celebration of the dedication of the meeting-house, 18 January, 1874. Since Mr. Hardy's departure William A. Mack, Hollis E. Abbott, Charles N. Merrill, Horace E. Woodberry, and Dr. Edward Aiken, have served as choristers, and Mrs. A. A. Rotch, Miss Annie Kent, Miss Sarah E. Aiken, and Miss Abbie F. Boylston, as organists.

## CHAPTER XIV.

## SCHOOLS, 1762-1882.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE TOWN IN RELATION TO SCHOOLS.—SALE OF THE SCHOOL LOTS.—THE FIRST EXAMINING COMMITTEE.—ENCOURAGEMENT GIVEN FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF AN ACADEMY.—SCHOOL LOTTERIES.—CHARTER OF THE AUREAN ACADEMY, AND NAMES OF THE PRINCIPALS.—TEACHERS OF SELECT SCHOOLS.—APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE SUPPORT OF SCHOOLS.—APPOINTMENT OF A COMMITTEE TO DISTRICT THE TOWN FOR SCHOOL PURPOSES.—THE SCHOOL DISTRICTS.—THEIR NUMBERS AND LOCATION.—APPOINTMENT OF A TOWN SCHOOL COMMITTEE.—SCHOOL CHILDREN IN TOWN 1817-18.—SCHOOL BOOKS IN USE IN DISTRICT NO. 1, OCTOBER, 1823.—THE "LITERARY FUND."—ITS ESTABLISHMENT AND DISTRIBUTION.—DIVISION OF DISTRICT NO. 1.—THE TWO DISTRICTS AGAIN UNITED, AND A NEW SCHOOL-HOUSE BUILT.—MR. ATHERTON'S GIFT TO THE SCHOOLS.—THE TOWN RE-DISTRICTED.—LEGACY OF AARON LAWRENCE, ESQ.—OUTLINE MAPS PURCHASED.—ABOLITION OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICTS, AND AN APPRAISAL OF THE SCHOOL PROPERTY IN THE SEVERAL DISTRICTS.—LEGACY OF ISAAC SPALDING, ESQ.

I find no record of any schools in Souhegan West prior to its incorporation as a town. Probably private instruction was given by Mr. Wilkins, or some other qualified person, to such as desired and could afford it.

At the annual meeting of the town in 1762 a vote was passed "to keep a school this year in five divisions, the

selectmen to divide," by which we may understand the selectmen were to divide the town into five divisions or districts and employ a teacher, who should spend a part of his time in each district.

No mention is made of any effort being made to secure an appropriation for schools in the years 1763, 1765, and 1766. In 1764, 1767, 1768, and 1769, the town refused to make any appropriation for that purpose; also at a special meeting held in May, 1769.

Finally the matter became a serious one. The selectmen were in danger of being "presented" for neglect of duty in the matter of schooling. So the town voted, at a meeting held 12 December, 1769, that "they will keep a school a part of this year," and granted the sum of thirteen pounds, six shillings, eight pence, to defray the expense of so doing.

At the annual meeting, March, 1770, they

"Voted to keep a school the ensuing year to teach the children to read, write, and cypher."

But no record remains that any money was appropriated for teachers.

March, 1771. Twenty pounds, lawful money, was voted for schooling, and the town directed that "the school should be kept some part of the time in several parts of the town." Also, voted that the people of the town "keep as many schools as they think fit, and each family that does keep a school shall be entitled to draw their proportion of the money above granted."

At a meeting held 9 March, 1772, the sum of twenty-six pounds, thirteen shillings, four pence, was granted for the support of schools that year. In 1773 the article in the warrant for the annual meeting relating to schools was referred to the selectmen.

A proposition to build several school-houses and to choose a committee to complete the same was rejected at the annual meeting in March, 1774.

The lots reserved for schools by the proprietors of the township seem to have been sold about this time, as we find in the warrant for the meeting held 13 March, 1775, an article, "to see if the town would allow that part of the town that was originally called Amherst to use the interest of the money their school right was lately sold for in private schools," which they refused to do.

No record remains of any provision being made for schools in the years 1775, 1776, and 1777. Other matters of serious import engrossed the minds of the people in those years; but it is probable that the schools were not wholly neglected.

At the annual meeting in March, 1778, it was

"Voted to keep a grammar school the ensuing year."

And on the cover of the first volume of the town records are the following entries, in the hand-writing of Col. Nahum Baldwin, town-clerk and first selectman that year. 27 April, 1778,

"Agreed with Mr. William King to keep a town school at 6s. per day, and board him. Same day opened s'd school. 27 July, 1778, Agreed with Mr. Brown Emerson to keep a school in this town at 35s. p'r quarter. ye school commenced this day.

N. B., Town Clerk."

These were warlike times, and the fathers used warlike terms in the transaction of their business. So we find them voting, 8 March, 1779,

"That the town be divided into squadrons at the discretion of the selectmen, that the inhabitants may be the better accommodated with a school, and that each squadron have their part of the money that shall be raised for schooling, Provided they lay it out for that purpose."

The sum of £300 was granted for the support of schools this year at an adjourned meeting held 31 March.

In March, 1780, the sum of £600 was voted for the support of schools, and the manner of keeping them was referred to the selectmen.

At the March meeting in 1781 the town voted to raise £10,000 for schooling, this year, and that "the schools be kept by each neighborhood classing together." It may be well to remember that this was in the days of the depreciated continental "fiat" money. The next year they had reached "hard pan," as they voted eighty pounds for the support of schools. The same amount was appropriated in 1783.

In 1784 they did better, and appropriated £100, and directed the selectmen to divide the town into school districts, and each district had liberty to lay out their money as they pleased.

The sum of £150 was voted for schools in each of the years 1785, 1786, and 1787.

At a meeting held 10 April, 1787, the town voted to keep a grammar school in the centre district, this year, on condition that the district shall make up to the master in a private way what their proportion of the school money falls short of an adequate salary.

A disposition was manifested at this meeting to secure the services of such persons as teachers in the schools as were qualified for the work, and a committee, consisting of Rev. Jeremiah Barnard, Rev. John Bruce, and Augustus Blanchard, Esq., was appointed "to examine the abilities of school masters and mistresses," and it was voted that none but those that were recommended by them should be employed by any district as teachers of schools.

It was also voted that if any district should not school out their money within one year from the time it was granted, it should be paid into the town treasury for the use of the town.

One hundred and fifty pounds annually was granted for the support of schools from 1787 to 1793, inclusive.

At the annual meeting in March, 1789, the town voted to excuse a number of persons who had joined themselves together for the support of an academy in this town from

the payment of any school tax so long as they should support the proposed academy. The use of the town-house for school purposes was also granted to them.

Lotteries were popular in those days, and we find that when the projectors of the academy asked the legislature for an act of incorporation they asked for the grant of a lottery to enable them to support it. The senate, however, gave them leave to bring in a bill for the incorporation of the academy only.

In December, 1791, a petition was presented to the legislature by the academies in Amherst, Atkinson, Charlestown, Chesterfield, and New Ipswich, asking for the grant of a lottery to enable them to raise £5,000, which they proposed to divide equally among those institutions; but the application was postponed to the next session, and was finally unsuccessful.

16 February, 1791, Joshua Atherton, Samuel Dana, Robert Means, William Gordon, Daniel Warner, John Shepard, Robert Fletcher, Nathan Kendall, jr., Samuel Curtis, Joseph Blanchard, Samuel Wilkins, and Daniel Campbell, esquires, William Read, Nathan Cleaves, David Danforth, Isaac Baldwin, John Eaton, David Stewart, Thomas Gilmore, Samuel G. Towne, James Roby, John Watson, Jeremiah Hobson, Ebenezer Taylor, Jonathan Smith, jr., and Ephraim Barker, of Amherst, Moses Kelley, of Goffstown, Isaac Cochran, of Antrim, Timothy Taylor and Jacob MacGaw, of Merrimack, and Stephen Dole, of Bedford, and their successors, were, by the legislature of the State, formed into, constituted and made a body politic and corporate by the name of the AUREAN ACADEMY, which corporation was empowered to transact all business necessary to the support and maintenance of an academy, the end and purpose of which was declared to be "to encourage and promote virtue and piety, and a knowledge of the English, Greek, and Latin languages, Mathematicks,

Writing, Geography, Logic, Oratory, Rhetoric, and other useful and ornamental branches of literature."

The corporation was empowered to have a common seal, which might be altered at pleasure, might sue and be sued, and hold real and personal estate, provided the income of the real estate should not exceed £300 annually, and that of the personal estate £700 annually, said sums to be reckoned in silver at six shillings and eight pence per ounce, and the students in the academy were to be exempted from the payment of a poll tax.

An organization of the corporation was effected shortly after, and the school went into operation under the charge of Charles Walker, a son of Judge Timothy Walker, of Concord, N. H. He was succeeded by Daniel Staniford, Henry Moore, Jesse Appleton, William Crosby, William Biglow, Joshua Haywood, William Abbott, Daniel Weston, Peyton R. Freeman, James McPherson, and Thomas Cole. The school was in successful operation for some years; but it was finally closed in 1801 for lack of adequate funds for its support.

A select school was kept in the village during the summer months for several years afterward. Among the teachers of this school were Ephraim P. Bradford, George Kimball, James McKean Wilkins, John Farmer, Samuel Whiting, Abel F. Hildreth, and Gideon L. Soule.

The South-west parish having been incorporated as a separate town in January, 1794, but £120 was granted for the support of schools that year. Four hundred dollars was granted the following year.

4 January, 1796. The town voted that the selectmen assess such a sum of money for the support of a grammar school this year as they may deem necessary, and it was provided that each school class in town should have its proportion of said money. In March of that year \$500 was appropriated for the support of schools the current year,



and the method of keeping them was referred to the selectmen.

18 April, 1796. A proposition to grant a portion of the money proposed to be raised for the support of a grammar school to the academy on condition that the town grammar school scholars should receive instruction in the academy was rejected, as was a proposition to grant a sum of money annually to the academy on condition that the town grammar school scholars should be taught therein in the branches required in a public grammar school.

Five hundred dollars was appropriated for the support of schools in 1797, and the method of keeping them was referred to the selectmen.

In 1798, 1799, and 1800, \$600 was granted each year, which the selectmen were directed to appropriate according to law.

26 March, 1798. The selectmen were directed to call for all the money due for school land over \$200, and let it on interest.

In 1801 \$500 was appropriated to be laid out in an English school or schools, and the mode of keeping the Latin grammar school was referred to the board of selectmen, who were directed to petition the legislature to repeal the law relating to grammar schools in shire and half shire towns.

13 April, 1801. Voted that the grammar school be kept eight months in the First parish and four months in the Second parish, this year.

15 March, 1802. \$500 was granted for schools, this year.

2 March, 1803. \$700 was appropriated for schools, \$300 of which was to be used for the support of grammar schools, the centre district of the First parish to have \$200, and that of the Second parish, \$100, the balance to be divided among the other districts according to their taxes; and it was provided that every person in town should have liberty to send to the grammar school, and that such school dis-

tricts as were dissatisfied with their classification might be classed anew.

15 December, 1803. The Second parish was incorporated as a separate town.

21 March, 1804. Voted to raise \$500 for English schools, to be expended as usual, and voted that the grammar school money be appropriated according to law.

31 May, 1804. The selectmen were directed to re-district the town for school purposes.

At the same meeting the selectmen were directed to satisfy a mortgage in favor of Lemmons *vs.* Washer, the latter securing the town by mortgage; and they were authorized to appropriate a part of the money due the town for school lands to that purpose.

27 August, 1804. Daniel Campbell, William Fisk, Amos Elliott, Daniel Warner, and Ebenezer Taylor, were appointed a committee to re-district the town for school purposes.

12 March, 1805. \$400 was appropriated for the support of schools, in addition to what the law required. In 1806, \$680 was appropriated.

12 March, 1806. The committee appointed to re-district the town for school purposes made their report, which was accepted and adopted by the town. It was the basis, substantially, of the school district system in the town until its abolition, and was a work of much labor and care. They divided the town into nine districts, the boundaries of each being given, and the names of the tax-payers. District No. 1 was the centre district; No. 2, the Lovejoy district, in the east part of the town; No. 3, Cricket Corner, in the south-east part of the town; No. 4, Christian Hill, west of the Plain; No. 5, the Danforth district, south of Souhegan river; No. 6, Pond Parish district, in the south-easterly part of the town; No. 7, the Wilkins district, adjoining Milford; No. 8, the Campbell district, north of the Plain; No. 9. Chestnut-hill district, adjoining New Boston and Bedford.

This was the era of school-house building. Within ~~two~~ years nearly every district was in the possession of a ~~new~~ school-house.

From 1808 to 1814 \$700 was appropriated annually ~~for~~ the support of schools, except in 1811, when \$1,000 ~~was~~ raised.

In 1809 a committee, consisting of Rev. Jeremiah Bar~~n~~-ard, Col. Daniel Warner, Charles H. Atherton, Esq., Sam~~u~~-uel Bell, Esq., and Capt. John Secombe, was appointed ~~and~~ continued in office two years, when it was enlarged by ~~the~~ addition of Edmund Parker, Clifton Claggett, Peter Me~~l~~-lendy, Capt. Daniel Campbell, Samuel Curtis, John Ellinwood, Daniel Weston, Col. Robert Means, and Jedediah K. Smith, to its number. For some years a large committee was appointed, and much interest was manifested in the management of the schools. During this period Jacob Kimball, Robert Means, jr., Robert Read, Frederick French, Rev. Nathan Lord, Dr. John Farmer, Richard Boylston, Isaac Brooks, Esq., and other prominent citizens, served on the school board.

In 1815, and from that time until 1830, \$800 was appropriated annually for school purposes, except in 1828, when the appropriation was increased to \$850.

10 October, 1814. Samuel Wilkins, William Towne, Timothy Nichols, Ebenezer Taylor, and others, were formed into a new school district. A school-house was erected in this district shortly after, west of the Hollis road, near the house of Ebenezer Taylor.

The following statement of the scholars attending the district schools in Amherst in the winter of 1817-18 was published in the *Cabinet* 11 September, 1818.

Dist. No. 1,	109.	Dist. No. 6,	62.
Dist. No. 2,	56.	Part of Dist. No. 7,	15.
Dist. No. 3,	30.	Dist. No. 8,	50.
Dist. No. 4,	46.	Dist. No. 9,	39.
Dist. No. 5,	42.	Parts of two districts.	28.
Total, 477.			

The population of the town at that time was about 1,610, 29.6 per cent. of which were school children, as shown by the above statement.

March, 1822. Difficulties having arisen in District No. 6, Capt. Luther Dana, Nathan Kendall, William Fisk, Jacob Hildreth, and Robert Means, jr., were appointed a committee to inquire into their origin, the facts respecting them, and, if possible, to devise some equitable and just way of settling them, and report the same to the town at some future meeting. 16 September following, the committee reported, agreeably to instructions, a plan for a settlement of the troubles, which was accepted by the town, and "peace and quietness again reigned in Pond Parish.

October, 1823. The following books were recommended to be used in the schools in District No. 1, by Charles H. Atherton in behalf of the prudential committee of said district :

Scott's Lessons, or Murray's Reader.  
History of the United States, by Prentiss.  
Cummings's Spelling Book.  
Colburn's First Lessons in Arithmetick.  
Daboll's Arithmetick.  
Cummings's Geography.  
Wilkins's Astronomy.  
Murray's Grammar, revised by Allen Fisk.  
Blair's Rhetorick.  
Walker's Dictionary.

The committee were evidently favorable to home products, as the text-book on astronomy was compiled by John H. Wilkins, an Amherst boy, and the revision of the grammar was prepared by a son of Hon. William Fisk.

In 1830 the town appropriated \$600 and its proportion of the literary fund, amounting to \$431.88, for the support of schools, making a handsome increase in the amount of school money.

The literary fund was derived from a tax of one half of one per cent. levied annually on the capital stock of all

banking corporations doing business under the laws of this State, and was evidently an outgrowth of the famous Dartmouth College controversy.

It was to be used, as stated in the act providing for its assessment, "for the sole purpose of endowing and supporting a college for instruction in the higher branches of science and literature." and it was provided that the said fund should "*never be applied to the support of any institution which was not under the control and direction of the State.*"

The idea of establishing a State university was afterward abandoned, and an act was passed by the legislature, which was approved by the governor 31 December, 1823, directing the State treasurer to convert the stocks held by him for the literary fund into money forthwith, and divide the same among the towns according to their apportionment of the public taxes. Provision was also made for the continuance of the tax, and the amount received was required to be divided annually among the towns according to their proportion of the public taxes, to be by them expended for the support of schools.

By an act approved 22 June, 1829, the treasurer was authorized to pay the proportion of the literary fund due each town to the representative of the town, who was to pay the same to the selectmen or treasurer of the town and take a receipt therefor.

Commencing with 1831, and for several years thereafter the sum of \$800 and the town's proportion of the literary fund was annually appropriated for the support of schools.

3 February, 1838. John Secombe, Israel Fuller, and Elijah Putnam, were appointed a committee to divide school district No. 1.

At a meeting held 13 March following, they made report defining the boundaries of the proposed districts, with the names of the resident and non-resident property-holder therein. Which report was accepted and adopted. The

new districts were organized, and a new school-house—latterly the steam-mill on the Plain—was built shortly after for the accommodation of the schools of the new district.

In the re-numbering of the districts soon after, the new district became No. 2; the Lovejoy district, No. 7; and the Taylor district, No. 10,—the other districts retaining their old numbers.

In November, 1839, much complaint was made of the multiplicity of class books in use in the schools, there being no committee to prescribe what books should be used, and it was suggested that it would be less expense and more satisfactory to those interested if a superintending school committee should be appointed by the town agreeably to the law then in force. This was not done until 1842, in which year Stephen Peabody, John L. Hadley, Mason Ball, William T. Savage, and Francis P. Fitch, were appointed. Since that time the provisions of the law in that respect have been complied with.

From 1845 to 1851 \$1,000 was appropriated annually for the support of schools. In 1849 three per cent. of the school money was voted to the "Teachers' Institute."

In 1848 the town's proportion of the literary fund amounted to fifty-nine dollars and forty-five cents. In 1859 it had risen to the sum of \$114.24.

The sum of \$1,300 was appropriated for the support of schools in 1858, and the sum of \$1,200 in 1859.

At a meeting held 20 April, 1852, the town voted to unite school districts Nos. 1 and 2, thus restoring the old district No. 1.

In May, 1853, this district voted, by a two-thirds vote, to erect a brick building, 60 x 40 feet, two stories in height, for school purposes, and the homestead of the late William Read, Esq. was purchased for a lot on which to build. Charles L. Stewart, Esq., its owner, contributing the sum of \$200 toward the enterprise.

A bell, the gift of Aaron Lawrence, Esq., was placed upon the new school-house 26 June, 1855, for which a vote of thanks was passed by the district 15 March, 1856.

In March, 1853, eleven copies of Webster's large quarto dictionary were presented to the schools in Amherst by Hon. Charles G. Atherton.

At the annual meeting in March, 1856, David Stewart and Joseph Mace were appointed a committee to examine and report if a new school district can with propriety be formed to accommodate the Irish families on the "Acre," near the Milford line, and they were required to report the result of their investigations on the first day of April following, at which time, after hearing the report of the committee, it was voted not to set off the new district asked for;—yeas, 20 ; nays, 44.

The matter was again brought up, and the district was finally set off and organized, the location of the school-house being fixed by a committee consisting of Joseph Mace, George Walker, and H. A. Clark, 3 September, 1861.

A vote was passed 19 May, 1863, to re-district the town for school purposes, and the selectmen were appointed a committee to carry the vote into effect, with instructions to make a report of their proceedings by the first day of September following. On that day they presented their report; but some dissatisfaction being expressed, it was re-committed, and they were directed to give notice to individuals, in districts where dissatisfaction exists, of a time and place for a hearing in their cases, and make report at an adjourned meeting three weeks from date, at which time the selectmen again submitted their plan, which, after some discussion, was adopted:—yeas, 29 ; nays, 26.

By this report the town was divided into eleven districts.

The following communication was received by the town-clerk 29 December, 1870, and entered upon the town records :

AMHERST, Nov'r 23d, 1870.

**GENTLEMEN:** With the approbation of the persons named as advisers in the Will of the Late Aaron Lawrence, of this town, his Executors have deposited with the Nashua Savings Bank Fourteen hundred Dollars in trust for the benefit of the Common Schools in Amherst. This deposit is made on condition that the principal shall remain with the Bank and be increased by the extra Dividends of the Institution, while the regular annual interest shall be payable to the order of the Treasurer of the town for the use of the schools.

By this arrangement we hope to keep alive the memory of an esteemed citizen, and subserve the cause of public education. The proper vouchers for the deposit have been placed in the hands of the Town Treasurer, and labelled "Lawrence fund for schools," and we respectfully request that this letter may be entered upon the records of the town. In behalf of the Executors, I am yours,

J. G. DAVIS.

*The Selectmen of the town of Amherst.*

The sum of \$173.27 was received from the interest of this fund in the year 1873, and applied to the support of schools, agreeably to the provisions of the will. Since that time the sum of seventy dollars has been received annually.

11 March, 1873. The town voted to appropriate a sum not exceeding \$200 to purchase a set of outline maps for the use of each school in town.

The sum of \$2,500 was appropriated for the support of schools for the year commencing March, 1874.

10 March, 1874. Voted that a committee of one from each school district should be chosen to consider the expediency of abolishing the school districts in town, agreeably to "an act enabling towns to abolish school districts in certain cases," passed June session, 1868; and it was also voted that each school district should choose its own member of the committee.

9 March, 1875. It was voted to take no further action in regard to the abolition of the school districts.

At the annual meeting in March, 1876, it was voted to give the literary fund, amounting this year to the sum of \$120.60, to school district No. 2 (the Acre), for the support of its school.



31 March, 1877. Josiah G. Davis and Miss Rebecca Davis were appointed school committee by the selectmen.

2 November, 1878. The sum of fifty dollars was appropriated from the town treasury in aid of the schools in District No. 2.

2 November, 1880. A vote was taken by ballot to abolish the school districts within the town, in accordance with the statute in such cases made and provided, which resulted in favor of the project, 74 votes being cast in favor and 61 against it, and it was declared to be adopted.

The selectmen were authorized to take all necessary steps in the appraisal of property, and any thing that might be necessary to carry out the change of the school system, or to appoint a committee to act in the matter.

29 November, 1880. Frank Hartshorn, James U. Prince, James P. Nourse, Thomas M. Harvell, and Frank P. Phelps, were appointed by the selectmen to appraise all the school-houses, land, apparatus, and other property owned and used for school purposes, which the several school districts might lawfully sell or convey.

The committee attended to the duties assigned them, and appraised the property specified

In Dist. No. 1, the Village, at	85,680.00
In Dist. No. 2, the Acre,	160.00
In Dist. No. 3, Cricket Corner.	184.00
In Dist. No. 4, Christian Hill,	590.00
In Dist. No. 5, Danforth's,	316.00
In Dist. No. 6, Pond Parish,	540.00
In Dist. No. 7, Noyes's,	496.00
In Dist. No. 8, Mack's,	506.00
In Dist. No. 9, Chestnut Hill,	466.00
In Dist. No. 10,	380.00
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	\$9,228.00

The sum of \$2,500 was appropriated for the support of schools for the year commencing 1 March, 1881.

The sum of \$10,000 is left to the town of Amherst by the will of the late Isaac Spalding, of Nashua, the same to be paid in one year from the death of his widow, and kept as a perpetual fund, to be known as the "Spalding fund," the annual interest, dividend, or income of which is to be added to the school money raised by the town in each year, and expended as such money is now, or hereafter may be, by law required or authorized to be expended.

## CHAPTER XV.

## COURT HOUSES AND COURTS IN AMHERST.

1771-1879.

DIVISION OF THE PROVINCE INTO COUNTIES.—AMHERST SELECTED AS THE SHIRE TOWN OF HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY.—THE FIRST MEETING-HOUSE PRESENTED TO THE COUNTY FOR A COURT-HOUSE, BURNED BY AN INCENDIARY.—A JAIL BUILT.—CONCORD PETITIONS TO BE ANNEXED TO HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY, AND MADE A HALF SHIRE.—HOPKINTON MADE A HALF SHIRE.—INCORPORATION OF MERRIMACK COUNTY.—EFFORTS MADE TO REMOVE THE COURTS TO MONT VERNON.—COURTS REMOVED TO MANCHESTER AND NASHUA.—A PROPOSITION TO REMOVE THE COUNTY RECORDS FROM AMHERST TO MANCHESTER REJECTED BY THE VOTERS OF THE COUNTY.—COUNTY RECORDS REMOVED TO NASHUA.—SALE OF THE JAIL BUILDINGS.—FINAL REMOVAL OF THE COURTS FROM AMHERST.—A HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY COURT IN 1796.—APPOINTMENT OF SHERIFF OF HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY DURING THE “ERA OF GOOD FEELING.”—A JAIL DELIVERY BY SHERIFF PIERCE IN 1818, MICHAEL KEIFF, DANIEL D. FARMER, LETITIA S. BLAISDELL, NATHAN CARR.—PUNISHMENT OF THIEVES IN YE OLDEN TIME.—ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF A THEFT.

An attempt to divide the Province into counties was made in the House of Representatives 22 January, 1755; but it failed to receive the concurrence of the Council.

The subject was brought up in the Council at a session held in March, 1769, at which time votes were passed for

dividing the Province into counties and fixing their boundaries. In these votes the House concurred.

29 March, 1769. The Council voted that one superior court, four inferior courts of common pleas, and four courts of general sessions, should be held annually at Amherst, for the county in which it was included.

This vote was returned by the House the next day without concurrence, as they were in some doubt whether the courts should be held in Amherst or Merrimack; but they professed a willingness to abide by the decision of the Council.

After hearing the statements of parties interested, the question was put to the Council whether Amherst should be stricken from the vote and Merrimack put in its place, and it was decided in the negative. The vote of the Council was then concurred in by the House.

1 April, 1769. William Parker and Samuel Livermore were appointed by the House to act with such as the Council might join to draft and present a bill for the division of the Province into counties, agreeably to the votes recently passed. The Council appointed Daniel Warner and Peter Livius members of the committee on its part.

The bill prepared by the committee received the sanction of both houses 25 April, 1769, and the signature of Gov. John Wentworth on the 29th day of the same month, the counties constituted by it receiving the names of Rockingham, Strafford, Hillsborough, Cheshire, and Grafton.

It was provided that the counties of Strafford and Grafton should remain and be considered a part of Rockingham county at present; but that the other counties should be organized as soon as the necessary provisions for the accommodation of the courts could be made, after "His Majesty's royal approbation of the law should be made known."

The last provision delayed the organization of the counties for some time, but the king's consent was finally given,

and the necessary arrangements for the accommodation of the court being made, the first session of the superior court for the county of Hillsborough was held at Amherst in the month of September, 1771.

While the division of the Province into counties was under consideration, there was much discussion concerning the shire towns of the proposed counties. In Hillsborough county there seems to have been considerable feeling manifested on the subject. Petitions were presented to the General Court from the towns of Bow, Chester, Hampstead, Londonderry, Pelham, Plaistow, Salem, and Sandown, asking that those towns might be included in the county with the towns lying between Peterborough and the Merrimack river. Petitions were also sent from Peterborough and New Boston for the same purpose. On the other hand petitions were presented from Bedford, Dunstable, Hillsborough, Monson, New Ipswich, Society Land, and Wilton, protesting against the annexation of any towns east of Merrimack river to the new county. Several of these last petitions evidently originated in Amherst, as they were written by that accomplished scribe, John Shepard, jr.

In the petition from Dunstable the petitioners beg leave to return thanks to the legislature for the wisdom and prudence they had displayed in fixing upon the Merrimack river as the boundary line between the counties, and express the opinion that not a single town should be added to those already proposed to form the new county. In some of these papers reference is made to the fears expressed by some that the county will be unable to support its organization, from the lack of a sufficient number of inhabitants, which fears they think are unfounded.

The petitioners from Wilton concur with those from Dunstable, and ask further that Amherst may be made the shire town of the county.

In this matter, as in all others in which the welfare of the town was concerned, Pastor Wilkins took a deep

interest. The following letter, written by him to one of the members of the Governor's Council, at that time, has been preserved :

*" To the Hon'ble George Jaffery, Esq'r, in Portsmouth :*

HON'D & DEAR S'R: After due salutation, I beg leave to inform your Hon'r that the proposal of the General Court that Merrimack be the Shire Town of the County on the West side of Merrimack River, has raised a general uneasiness throughout the whole County, evin many thinking men in Merrimack itself (as I have been credibly informed) are well satisfied that if the Proposal be established, it will be greatly to the Town Damage in general, as they are small in Number, consisting of seventy odd Families, no more, and them exceeding much scattered, and many of the number on New Places, and no ways accommodated to entertain a Court, especially with Hay & Pastoring, neither do they ever expect to be well accommodated with the Primenes, as great Part of their Land is poor and clothed with shrubs. The uneasiness of the People arises from the said Proposals not being for Amherst rather than Merrimack. Not only as Amherst has been talked of for a Shire Town, evin from Its Infancy, thereby fixing the minds of the People upon it, but for its situation Nearer the Hart of the County, so that many Towns can come from Home in the Morning and return Home in the Evining, that ca' n't possibly do the like if the Court be at Merrimack, and thereby save a great deal of Charge to poor People : and now S'r, I beg leave to give a Discription of Amherst in a few Words: It is Situate about Eight Miles from Mr. Lutwyche's Ferry, on Merrimack River, the contents of which is about six miles Square, containing about one Hundred and sixty Famelies, and accommodated, according to men of the best Judgment, to settle an Hundred Families at least, more than is already settled, and near an Hundred of them good Country Farms, Well accommodated with fields and Pastures, and chiefly all good Husbunds, the Middle of the Town pleasantly situated, a good coach Road to it from the Eastward and Southern Parts of the Province, and all Roads centering there. The People in general knowing the situation and accommodations of Amherst to entertain the Court, suppose that the General Court's proposal for Merrimack sprung from a mis-Representation.

The occasion of these lines to your Hon'r was the cries of the People, and to beg leave to subscribe your humble serv't,

DANIEL WILKINS.

AMHERST, Oct. ye 1st, 1767.

P. S. S'R: I must beg leave to tell your Hon'r that Mr. Willard, a son of Coll. Willard, of Winchester, and one Mr. Hall was at my House the Last Evening as agent for Keen and other towns, toward the great River, to desire that the Shire Town might be Amherst, and likewise that there is a general uneasiness of its being at Merrimack and also Walepole, as that every town save two would be greatly Discommoded if the Court was had at Walepole and not at Keen, and also beg the favor of its being established at Keen, as Keen will much best commodde the People in General, or at least that his Exelency, with your Hon'rs, would grant them Liberty to bring Down the minds of the People.

D. W.

The meeting-house belonging to the town was, as elsewhere stated, presented to the county for a court house, and was subsequently moved from its original location, at the junction of the roads near the house now occupied by P. W. and Thomas Jones, to a site on the Plain, north of the soldiers' monument, where it was burned by an incendiary on the night following the 15th day of March, 1788.

A jail was built shortly after the organization of the county, which now forms a part of the old jail house building, and some forty years later the stone jail building was erected.

At a meeting held 31 March, 1788, the town voted to grant eighty pounds toward the erection of a new court house. John Patterson, Capt. Josiah Crosby, Samuel Dana, Esq., Daniel Campbell, and James Ray, were appointed a committee to superintend its erection, and its "location, form, and figure," were referred to the committee and the selectmen of the town.

The second court house was built on the spot now occupied by the dwelling-house of David Russell, Esq. After the brick court house was built it was sold and removed to the westerly part of the Plain, where it was fitted up for a chapel, for which it was used several years, when it was again sold and fitted up for tenement dwellings. It is still standing near the foundery buildings. West of it, as it was originally located, and near by, were the whipping-post and

pillory, those " terrors of the law " to evil doers among the fathers. The whippings inflicted, we may judge, varied in severity according to the disposition of the officer who inflicted them. In one instance, still remembered, the culprit was told privately that he " should not be whipped very hard," but was directed to make a terrible outcry every time he was struck.

After the State prison was built, the pillory and whipping-post were dispensed with, and but very few persons now living can remember them.

In this second court house the giants of the legal profession in New Hampshire, from 1787 to 1822, were wont to congregate at the semi-annual sessions of the Hillsborough county courts. Here came Jere. Mason, Jere. Smith, the elder Plumer, William Gordon, David Everett, the elder Athertons, Levi Woodbury, George Sullivan, Arthur Livermore, Sam. Bell, Parker Noyes, Judge Richardson, and others of lesser note; and here, greatest of all, Daniel Webster made his maiden argument before Judge Farrar. He had finished the study of his profession in the office of Christopher Gore, a distinguished jurist in Boston, and had been admitted to the Suffolk county bar on motion of that gentleman in March, 1805. A few weeks later he visited Amherst, and argued a motion before Judge Farrar's court with such clearness that the presiding judge remarked to his associates, " That young man's statement is a most unanswerable argument," and at once granted the motion.

The town of Concord having presented a petition to the General Court, asking to be annexed to the county of Hillsborough, and that one half of the courts then held at Amherst might be held in that town, the people of Amherst, at a meeting held 28 April, 1785, voted their unwillingness that the petition should be granted, and chose Joshua Atherton, Augustus Blanchard, and Samuel Dana, Esqs., a committee " to show the General Court the reasons of their unwillingness." Col. Robert Means, then representative of



the town, was instructed to assist the committee, who were directed "to confer with other towns relative to the premises before hearing the petition."

The people of the towns in the northern part of the county requiring greater conveniences for the transaction of their business before the courts, the legislature passed an act which was approved 25 December, 1792, providing that the May term of the superior court and the September and December terms of the court of common pleas and general court of sessions, held annually at Amherst, should thereafter be held at Hopkinton, at the same time they had been held at Amherst, provided that the said courts should be held in or as near the meeting-house in said Hopkinton as they could conveniently be, and that the act should be null and void if, at the expiration of two years from its passage, the town of Hopkinton had not erected a suitable house, free of expense to the county, in which to hold said courts.

The required building was promptly erected, and Hopkinton became a half shire town of the county, and so continued until the formation of Merrimack county in 1823. A jail was also erected there which continued to be used by the county of Merrimack after its incorporation until the completion of the new jail at Concord in 1852.

A committee appointed by the town to examine and report, among other things, what part of the common the town should appropriate for a court-house, on condition that the town should have the privilege of using the same for a town house, reported, at a meeting held 21 September, 1818, recommending that the town should grant the county a right to erect a court-house and the necessary buildings for the accommodation of the same on the common, in front of the burying-ground, placing the back thereof as far as may be convenient, into the burying-ground, provided the town shall ever have the privilege of using the house to hold their meetings in.

The plan of forming a new county for the better accommodation of the people residing in the northerly part of Hillsborough and the north-western part of Rockingham counties, began to be discussed about this time. A plan of the proposed county of Rumford, containing substantially the same territory as was at first contained in the county of Merrimack, appeared in the *New Hampshire Patriot*, 19 January, 1819; and a bill providing for its incorporation was introduced into the Senate and advocated by Hon. Isaac Hill at the session of the legislature held in December, 1820, which was postponed. The subject was again brought up in the legislature at the session held in June, 1821, and referred to the voters of the towns interested at their next annual meeting, at which a large majority of the votes cast were found to be in favor of the project. The town of Hopkinton and some others in its immediate vicinity, however, voted almost unanimously against it.

Finally the legislature passed an act constituting the county of Merrimack, which was approved by the governor, 3 July, 1823, and Concord was designated as its shire town. By this act the towns of Andover, Boscawen, Bradford, Dunbarton, Fishersfield, Henniker, Hooksett, Hopkinton, New London, Salisbury, Sutton, Warner, and Wilmot, were taken from Hillsborough county and became parts of the new county.

It was then proposed in some quarters to remove the courts and county offices of the county of Hillsborough from Amherst to Mont Vernon, and liberal offers were made by some of the citizens of the latter place toward defraying the expense of erecting the necessary buildings in that town for the accommodation of the courts and county offices. Citizens of Amherst also offered to provide better accommodations in this town than the county officials had hitherto had, free of expense to the county. On being brought before the legislature, the matter was referred to the decision of the voters of the county, who at the election

in March, 1824, decided, by a vote of about three to one to continue Amherst as the shire town.



THE THIRD COURT-HOUSE, NOW THE TOWN-HOUSE.

A new court-house—the present town-house—was erected shortly after, on land given by the town for that purpose. The town also relinquished all the right they had in the old court-house to the committee for building the new one, and their share of the proceeds of the sale of the old house to be expended on or about the new house, and to be entered in the subscription paper as the subscription of the town of Amherst toward the erection of the new court-house.

The balance of the expense of its erection was defrayed by contributions of citizens of the town.

Fire-proof safes for the reception and safe-keeping of county records, and rooms for the use of the county office were provided in the additions built on the north and south ends of the court-house by the county in 1828.

By an act of the legislature, approved 28 December, 1844, it was provided that a term of the court of common pleas should thereafter be held at Manchester on the fourth Tuesday of October, annually, provided that town should furnish suitable accommodations for its sitting, free of expense to the county, and the selectmen of the town were to notify the clerk of the court when such accommodations were provided.

An act passed 12 July, 1856, provided that a term of the superior court should be held at Nashua on the first Tuesday of February, annually, on the same conditions as prescribed in the act providing for a session of the court of common pleas to be held at Manchester. By an act passed 8 July, 1859, the time for holding the term of the court at Nashua was changed to the first Tuesday of May, annually.

Prior to this time the subject of the removal of the county records from Amherst was discussed.

An act providing for their removal to Manchester whenever suitable buildings for their reception and the accommodation of the county officers should be provided there, free of expense to the county, was passed 8 July, 1862. This, however, was made subject to the approval of the voters of the county at the annual meeting in the following March, at which time a majority of the votes cast were against the proposed change.

At the same session of the legislature the time for holding the session of the superior court at Amherst was changed to the first Tuesday of May, annually.

An act was passed 29 June, 1864, providing for the removal of the county records to Nashua, whenever that city provided suitable buildings for their reception, free of expense to the county. This act was subject to the approval of the voters of the county at a special meeting called in the several towns and cities in the month of August following, when a majority of the votes cast being in favor of the

proposed change, buildings were erected in Nashua for the accommodation of the county officers and the safe-keeping of the county records, which were removed there in August, 1866, and the offices were opened on the eighteenth day of that month.

A jail having been built at Manchester, the jail, jail-house, and small house near by, in Amherst, and the land around them, owned by the county, were sold at auction, 8 October, 1867.

The land on which these buildings stood was presented to the county by Jonathan Smith, in 1771.

By an act of the legislature, approved 15 July, 1879, the May term of the superior court held at Amherst on the first Tuesday of May, annually, was abolished, and a term of the court was ordered to be held in its stead at Nashua and Manchester, alternately, on the first Tuesday of May, annually.

This completed the removal of the Hillsborough county courts from Amherst, where they had been held wholly, or in part, for one hundred and eight years.

On the removal of the courts, the court-house, agreeably to the provisions of the deed, given the county in 1824, became the property of the town.

It has since been fitted up for a town-house, and contains a large and convenient town-hall, rooms for the town officers, the town library, and a fire-proof safe for the preservation of the town records, etc.

#### A HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY COURT IN 1796,

As described by a prominent lawyer of Amherst in a letter to Jeremiah Smith.

"Judge —— wore a wig, alias a scratch, which was upon the whole tolerably ridiculous, especially as it was frequently made to change its position, to our no small amusement. As to the rest I will say nothing.

Gordon had the bar to dine with him on Thursday, and it happened that I had previously asked the judges to dine with me, and therefore

missed of much pleasure, as well as wine, I should have enjoyed at his house.

He endeavored to get all his brethren drunk, and, it not being a very difficult undertaking, he succeeded very well, with respect to them, and himself too.

About half past three in came the whole fraternity, with Judge D. at their head, who was the soberest man among them (what think you of the other?), ready to give the fraternal hug even to old K., himself. D. goggled to the Court. A. and S. were silent, for the best of reasons,—they *could not* speak. C. and W. quarreled, and threatened to fight. Gordon laughed at every thing and every body. B. and S. D., jr., argued a case to the great satisfaction—of themselves. Claggett fell asleep, and Ben Champney made poetry. N. G. stole a few writs, and Thompson made up his *large bills* of costs.

Old K. (the sheriff) broke all his deputy sheriffs, and took care of the jury himself to save the fees."

Judge Smith, on his return from Congress the preceding summer, had been met at the hall of Dr. Curtis by the gentlemen of the bar, the honorable judges of the court of common pleas, and a number of respectable citizens of Amherst and the adjoining towns, who presented a formal address to him, thanking him for his labors in Congress, and congratulating him on his safe return.

Smith bore the infliction patiently, made an appropriate reply, and on the whole acted his part well; but the whole affair disgusted him, and he afterward wrote to a friend that could he have found a window to jump out of he believed he should have ventured to do it. The affair ended in a dinner, the result of which was probably not very different from Gordon's dinner to the bar.

APPOINTMENT OF A SHERIFF OF HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY, DURING  
THE "ERA OF GOOD FEELING."

Sheriff Benjamin Pierce, of Hillsborough county, having been elected governor, a majority of his council, at a session held 23 June, 1827, nominated Edmund Parker, of Amherst, as his successor; but the governor refused to sanction the appointment. John Wallace, jr., of Milford, a member of the Council, was then proposed by a majority of

the Council, but rejected by the Governor. 28 June, Henry Fields, of Merrimack, was nominated by the Governor, but rejected by the Council. The nomination of William Whittemore, of Greenfield, made by the Governor, was rejected by the Council. Jesse Bowers, of Dunstable, was then nominated by the Governor, but rejected by the Council. 3 July, Timothy Danforth, of Amherst, was nominated by the Governor, and confirmed by the Council; but the next day both Governor and Council annulled the appointment. 5 July, Jacob Tuttle, of Antrim, was proposed by the Governor, but rejected by the Council. David L. Morril, of Goffstown, was then proposed by the Council, but rejected by the Governor. Finally, Jacob Whittemore, of Antrim, was proposed by the Governor, and, the nomination being approved by the Council, he became Gov. Pierce's successor in the office of sheriff of Hillsborough county.

The jail has not been a very secure place for the confinement of criminals, who frequently found means to escape. They were generally recaptured and held to answer to the complaints made against them. In one instance one of the escaped prisoners, who had got as far as Lake Champlain, was there drowned. In another instance the culprit was found snugly ensconced in a flour barrel at Manchester.

Perhaps the most noted jail delivery was made by sheriff Pierce, 20 Nov., 1818, shortly after his re-appointment as sheriff of the county.

At that time Capt. Moses Brown, Isaac Lawrence, and George Lancy, were confined in jail for debt, and their case having excited some sympathy in the county, means had been taken to effect their discharge, but without success.

On assuming the office, sheriff Pierce took the responsibility of paying the debts and costs for which they were confined, opened the jail doors and set them at

liberty, at the same time making them an appropriate address, which was published and widely circulated.

The case of Capt. Brewer was a hard one. He was a native of Nova Scotia, came to this country before the Revolution, entered the army at the commencement of the war, and commanded a company in the Sixteenth Massachusetts regiment in that contest. He came to Amherst in 1811, and was, at his own request, assisted by the overseers of the poor several times during the season of 1814. In December of that year he was committed to jail on an action for debt, originally amounting to about eight dollars, which, at the time of his release—including board-bills, costs, etc.—amounted to about \$300.

MICHAEL KEIFF.

The late James Roby, Esq., is stated to have said that Keiff kindled the fire by which Charlestown was consumed on the 17th day of June, 1775. As Mr. Roby was well acquainted with the place, and was employed as a sort of spy upon the movements of the British at that time, we may assume that he knew whereof he affirmed.

The first notice we have of Keiff in connection with Amherst, is that he was employed by the town toward filling its quota of six months' men required for the army in July, 1781.

After the close of the war he probably found it somewhat difficult to procure subsistence for himself and family. The times were hard. He was intemperate, and doubtless joined with many others in blaming the courts and lawyers for his misfortunes. The burning of the court-house in March, 1788, a legitimate result of the popular feeling at the time, was by many attributed to him, but no proof could be obtained of his guilt.

Threatening letters were afterward found on the premises of some of the prominent citizens of the village; but no clue was obtained, at the time, of their author. Some of these were as follows:



"Concerning the Sons of Liberty, the god of heaven has luck Down from his throne upon his people, the poor of America, and thinks they should have liberty. Now they Demand liberty. They fight for it wonce, and gat the Day by the help of the Allmighty. Now let those men that grinds the face of the poor look out sharp. A new year's gift. god is going to give people that liberty. All Sear [shire] towns in this Amarick [America] shall be visited with fire. god's poor must be free from all Raits and taxes. We will not bon [burn] the poor.

Doctor Curtiss, let this be seen in this town for fear of trouble."

Another one in regard to the location of the court-house :

*"to the men of Amherst :*

Concerning your Court-house, we have it in our hands to bring it Down, as fast as you will put it up. up country is the place where it ought to be. if you build it any where, build it at the ould place, by Codman or before Hopson, the tanner, on the other side of the Rode. if you bild it anny where Else in Amherst, it will Com Down, for we no them that tuck it in hand to mov it at first. if you Cause us to Com Down to Amherst another Journey, we will mak light plenty before we will Com back.

there is four or five men that tuck in hand to move it at first, and we now their names.

if we must Com Down again, there will be more bildings Com Down before we go back. Samuel Albany, do you show this to the men on the plain for fear trouble should com on you."

A similar letter was left at Ephraim Hildreth's, at the Jones place, directed, "Efrim Hildrick, Do you show this to the men on *the plain*, for fear trouble should Com on you."

A friendly epistle to Robert Means :

"L't Hopson pray carry this to means, for fear Evil should happen to you.

Robert Means, you Com to be a grate man, both in name and Ritches, by grinding the face of the poor. I have heard people say what is got over the Divil back is commonly spint under his belly, and now I think you will meet with trouble. now we should be glad if you would sine for Liberty, for the poor shall not pay Rates no more. so bless our god, for the poor has faught for liberty once, and they never had it yet, and as for Samuel Deny [Dana], he will see the Divil yet."

Directed, "To L't Hopson, in Amherst."

After the destruction of Mr. Atherton's barns, the incendiary was tracked across the fields to Keiff's house. An examination showed that the tracks were made by Keiff's boots. Fearing an arrest he left home, and was reported to have spent some time in the vicinity of Monadnock mountain, whither some officers were dispatched in search of him, but their search was fruitless.

One evening, sheriff Roby, while returning home from the village, saw the figure of a man with a gun in his hand skulking about in a thicket of pines north of the place now occupied by Mr. Gilson, on the old New Boston road. Thinking the man might be the one he wanted, the sheriff dismounted, and went in pursuit. He soon came up with him, and, after a short contest, knocked the culprit down with a hickory cane he carried, and held him until assistance arrived, when he was secured.

Keiff was shortly after indicted and convicted of, first, publishing traitorous and seditious letters; second, of burning a barn, the property of Joshua Atherton, of Amherst.

For the first offence he was sentenced to be whipped fifteen stripes, sit on the gallows one hour with the rope about his neck, and stand committed until the sentence was performed.

For the second offence he was sentenced to be whipped thirty stripes, be imprisoned six months from the following June, pay the costs of prosecution, and stand committed until the sentence was performed.

On the morning following the day of his trial and conviction,—14 May, 1790,—Keiff was found dead in his cell, his jugular vein and windpipe having been severed by a knife he carried about his person. A coroner's inquest pronounced it a case of "wilful suicide."

Tradition says the feeling against him was so strong that his remains were not allowed to be buried in the grave-yard, but were deposited in some out of the way place near by.

His family remained in town some years. Some of his children attended Master Brooks's school in "Upper Flanders," in 1801; but they went, shortly after, no one now knows whither.

His widow became poor, and was supported by the town. She died on the pauper farm, 4 September, 1841, at the great age of ninety-seven years.

#### TRIAL, CONVICTION, AND EXECUTION, OF FARMER.

At a session of the superior court held at Hopkinton, 21 April, 1821, Daniel Davis Farmer, of Goffstown, was arraigned for the murder of Widow Anna Ayer, of Goffstown, on the sixth day of the same month.

Under the circumstances of the case, the trial was postponed to the term of the court to be held in Amherst in October following, to which place he was conveyed and committed to jail the following Wednesday.

At the next session of the court he was tried before a jury composed of the following persons :

William Ames, foreman,	Moody D. Lovewell,
Nathaniel Hutchinson,	James Martin,
Amos Elliott,	John Brooks,
Nathan Fuller,	John Goodspeed,
William Patten,	Daniel Ingalls,
Eli Sawtell,	Josiah French.

10 October, 1821, he was convicted, the jury rendering their verdict at a few minutes past eleven o'clock, P. M. The next day, sentence was pronounced by Justice Woodbury, and the third day of December following was assigned for its execution. A reprieve of one month was granted by Gov. Bell, and the execution took place Thursday, 3 January, 1822, between the hours of two and three o'clock, P. M. The gallows was erected on the spot now occupied by the house of Dea. B. B. David. Although the weather was intensely cold, it was estimated that 10,000 people were in attendance.

Leaving the jail at two o'clock, Farmer was conveyed to the place of execution. He was accompanied, in the sleigh in which he rode, by Messrs. Lord and Chapin, and two civil officers. A sleigh conveying his coffin followed, the whole being surrounded by deputy sheriffs on horseback, headed by the sheriff of the county. On arriving at the gallows, he ascended the stage on which the platform was erected without assistance. The death-warrant was read, and prayer was offered by Mr. Lord, in which the prisoner joined. He then ascended the platform, and the noose was adjusted. At that time, as he seemed to be suffering severely from excessive agitation and the effects of the cold, Mr. Lord stepped forward, and taking his cloak from his shoulders placed it over him. A handkerchief was given him with directions to drop it when he was ready, and the signal being given the drop fell, and, after a few convulsive movements, all was over.

After hanging a short time, Farmer was pronounced by the surgeons present to be dead. His remains were then taken down and delivered to his brother, who conveyed them to Manchester, where they were buried on the following Sunday.

The duty sheriff Pierce was called upon to perform was to him a hateful one. A person who was present said he was "as pale as the culprit, and when he put out his hand to touch the fatal spring, it shook like a leaf."

The gallows on which Farmer paid the penalty of his crime was stored in the attic of the jail, where it was burned on the morning of the fourteenth day of June, 1850.

24 April, 1849, Letitia S. Blaisdell, of Goffstown, plead guilty to an indictment for poisoning Benjamin E. Blaisdell, also of Goffstown, and was thereupon sentenced by Judge Eastman to be hung, on the thirtieth day of August following; but the sentence was changed to imprisonment for life, by the Governor and Council, and she was conveyed to the state prison in July.

A trial which attracted considerable attention in the county took place at the October term of the court in 1830, and resulted in the conviction of Nathan Carr on three indictments: for having in his possession materials for counterfeiting bank-notes; for having in his possession counterfeit bills, with intent to pass them; and for passing a counterfeit bank bill; on which he was sentenced in the whole to thirty days of solitary confinement, and to twelve years of confinement at hard labor in the state prison.

The trial of Carr was attended with a heavy expense to the county, and his conviction gave general satisfaction to the citizens.

#### PUNISHMENT FOR THEFT IN THE "OLDEN" TIME.

One John Totman was brought before justice Samuel Wilkins charged with stealing a felt hat and surtout, valued at twenty-seven shillings. Pleading guilty to the charge, he was sentenced to be whipped thirteen stripes on the naked back, and to pay the owner of the stolen property five pounds, seventeen shillings, that being three times its value. The flogging was administered by Joseph Boutell.

Saturday night, 10 December, 1803, the store of Nathan Kendall, Esq., was broken into and robbed of a variety of English goods and some money. The thief was pursued and overtaken in Chelmsford the next morning. A part of the goods had been disposed of on the way. The remainder were found with him. He was brought back, and, on examination, pleading guilty, was committed to jail.

At the term of the court in May following he was tried on two indictments for stealing, convicted, and sentenced to receive fifty lashes and be sold for costs and damages.

The following acknowledgment of a theft was found among the papers left by Daniel Campbell, Esq.:

"This certifies that I, the subscriber, did, on the night of the twenty-ninth of June last, feloniously take and carry away from D. C., of Amherst, a syth with the sneath and other appurtenances thereto

belonging, for which I am heartily sorry, humbly ask forgiveness of God and the world, and promise to endeavour to conduct better for the future.

Signed : B. C.

AMHERST, July 3, 1784.

Test : NAHUM BALDWIN,  
NATHAN KENDALL.

From the time of the organization of the State government under the temporary Constitution, in January, 1776, until the close of the century, but few members of the legal profession served as judges in the State courts. The popular feeling against lawyers in those times doubtless in many cases influenced the appointing power in the selection of judges, and the inadequacy of the salaries, which were much less than the ordinary income of a successful lawyer, would forbid the acceptance of the office if tendered to him. Instead of lawyers—physicians, clergymen and merchants, upright, fearless men, occupied the judges' seats, and dispensed justice with more regard to equity than law, and Arthur Livermore is reported as having once said that, "Justice was never better administered in New Hampshire than when the judges knew very little of what we lawyers call law."

## CHAPTER XVI.

### MILITARY HISTORY.

1745-1763.

FRENCH AND INDIAN WARS.—GRANT OF AMMUNITION TO THE SETTLERS.—PETITION OF MR. WILKINS TO THE AUTHORITY OF NEW HAMPSHIRE.—SCOUTS FURNISHED FOR THE PROTECTION OF THE SETTLERS.—ANOTHER PETITION FOR ASSISTANCE WITH THE NAMES OF THE SIGNERS.—DEA. HOBBS'S "SABBATH DAY" FIGHT.—LIEUT. PRINCE'S ESCAPE.—NAMES OF THE INHABITANTS OF SOUHEGAN WEST WHO SERVED IN THE WAR.—TORTURE AND DEATH OF MCKEAN.—CAPT. HOBBS'S FIGHT WITH SACKETT.

At a meeting held in the meeting-house, 30 January 1744-45, the proprietors

"Voted, that they will allow the Inhabitants a stock of Ammunition to defend themselves in case there should be occasion."

This vote is the only one recorded which tells us of any action taken by the proprietors for the defense of the settlers against the attacks of the savages.

Tradition tells us that about this time seven garrison houses were erected in different parts of the town, to which the inhabitants resorted in times of danger. Beside these, a block-house, or fort, is said to have been built for the protection of the settlers.

After the breaking out of the war, the inhabitants met at the house of Rev. Mr. Wilkins, and authorized him in their name and behalf to

“Represent to the Governor and Council of New Hampshire our distressed circumstances on account of our being exposed to the French and Indian enemy and our Low Condition and Inability to subsist here unless a suitable guard may be had to defend us when about our work, and that he make suitable application that these things may immediately be obtained.”

Mr. Wilkins shortly after repaired to Portsmouth, and in behalf of the settlers presented the following petition :

“To his Excelency, Benning Wentworth, Esq'r, Capt.-General and General-in-Chief in and over his Majesty's Province of New Hampshire in New England, the Honorable the Council, and House of Representatives, in General Court convened :

The Memorial or Petition of Daniel Wilkins, in the name and behalf of the Inhabitants of the Township or Plantation called Souhegan West, No. 3, in said Province,—

Humbly sheweth, the said Town has been settled by his Majesty's subjects about nine years, and a Gospel Minister ordained almost three years ; that the settlers had an Eye at enlarging his Majesties Dominions by going into the Wilderness, as well as their own Interest ; that some thousand of pounds has been spent in clearing and cultivating the Land there, and vast sums in building Houses, Barns, & fences, beside much time and expence in building fortifications by his Excellency the Governor's order.

That the Breaking up of this Settlement will not only ruin the Memorialists, but greatly disserve his Majesties Interest by encouraging his Enemies to Enroach on his deserted Settlements, and be also hurtful to the Province by Contracting its borders and drawing the war nearer the Capital.

That it was by a long and importunate Intercession of this Province (and not of the Memorialist's seeking) that they are cast under the immediate care of this Government, which they conceive give them so much the better Right to its protection.

That as war is already declared against France, and a Rupture with the Indians hourly expected, your Memorialists, unless they have speedy help, will soon be obliged to forsake their Town, how disserviceable so ever it may be to the Crown, dishonorable to the Government, hurtful to the Province, & ruinous to themselves. Wherefore,

Your Memorialists most humbly supplicate your Excelency, the honorable Council, and House of Representatives, to take the premises into your wise and mature Consideration, and to grant them such



seasonable relief as may enable them to subsist in the War, and secure against the Ravages and Devastations of a blood-thirsty and merciless Enemy, and your Memorialists, as in duty bound, will ever pray.

DANIEL WILKINS.

Dated at PORTSMOUTH, June ye 22d, 1744."

The application was successful, and a scout for the protection of the settlers in this and the adjoining towns was furnished by the Provincial authorities. A scout was afterward furnished by the Province of Massachusetts, but finally withdrawn; but, as the war still continued, Mr. Wilkins presented another petition for assistance:

"To His Excellency, Benning Wentworth, Esq., Governor & C., the Honorable his Majesty's Council, and House of Representatives, in General Assembly convened. May 13, 1747:

The Petition of us, the subscribers, inhabitants of the new plantation called Souhegan West, humbly sheweth:

That there is settled and now remains in this plantation thirty-five families, in which is about fifty-eight men upwards of sixteen years old.

That when we began our Settlement, we apprehended no danger of our ever being a frontier, there being at that time so many above us begun and obligated to fulfill the obligations of the Massachusetts grants, which occasioned us to settle scattering, only regarding the advantages of good and compact farms.

That the difficulty of war, happening so early on our Settlements, and the defenceless state they were in, has obliged them all, namely, Peterborough, Salem Canada, New Boston, and Hillsborough—so called—entirely to draw off, as well as the forts on Connecticut river.

The first year of the present war we were favored with a scout from this Province, which we thankfully acknowledge, and Salem Canada with another, which was equally serviceable to us. Since that time Salem Canada and this place have had a guard from the Massachusetts till the winter passed, together with our inhabitants keeping a constant scout, though much impoverished thereby.

That this encouragement has occasioned our venturing here till now.

That as we are now left without scout or guard, apprehend we are in imminent danger; yet loth to yield ourselves such an easy prey to our enemies, or suffer ruin by leaving our improvements waste, one

whereof we have no reason to think but must unavoidably be our lot, unless this government grants us protection :

Wherefore your petitioners most humbly pray that your Excellency and Honors would so far commiserate our present difficult circumstances as to grant us so many soldiers as your Excellency and Honors may judge necessary for our defence.

And your petitioners, as in duty bound, shall pray, &c.

Andrew Bixbe,	William Peabody,
William Bradford,	Andrew Seetown,
Benjamin Cheever,	John Seetown,
Benjamin Cheever, jr.,	John Shepard,
Thomas Clark,	Caleb Stiles,
James Cofren,	Israel Towne,
John Davis,	Samuel Walton,
Ebenezer Ellinwood,	Jacob Wellman,
David Hartshorne,	Daniel Wilkins,
William Howard,	Daniel Wilkins, jr.,
Solomon Hutchinson,	Joseph Wilkins.
Ebenezer Lyon,	

On hearing this petition and another of similar tenor from Monson, the House, 15 May, 1747,

“Voted, that in answer to the two annexed Petitions, namely, that of Souhegan West and that of Monson, His Excellency be desired to give orders for enlisting or impressing fifteen good, effective men to scout and guard, under proper officers, said Souhegan West and Monson, till the twentieth of October next, if need be, and that said men be shifted once a month.”

Which was assented to by the Governor and Council.

Among the scouts employed by the Province in 1748 we find the names of Daniel Wilkins and Wincol Wright, of Souhegan West, who were members of the company employed to guard Souhegan, Stark's, and Monson garrisons that season.

The war came to a close in 1749, but was renewed in 1752, and continued until the cession of Canada to the English in 1763.

Fortunately, no attack was made upon the settlers at Souhegan West by the enemy, and no account has reached us that any serious damage was done by them within its

borders. A family tradition has reached us that a party of settlers, under the lead of Dea. Hobbs, had a smart fight with the Indians one Sunday morning, in which the Deacon handled his men so skillfully that no one of them was injured, while they were sure that some of the savages were killed. The Indians are reported to have said afterward "Souhegan deacon no very good. He fight Sabba-day." On another occasion, while Lieut. Joseph Prince was going one evening, from his clearing to the garrison-house, which stood near where Mr. B. B. Whiting's house now stands, he heard an arrow whiz past his head. On his return the following morning, he found it sticking in a tree near by the path he had followed.

Near the close of this war several of the inhabitants served in the expeditions sent against the common enemy. Sergeant Ebenezer Lyon, John Everdeen, David Hartshorn, jr., Samuel Lamson, Joseph Small, and Thomas Williams served in Col. Blanchard's regiment at Crown Point, in 1755.

Humphrey Hobbs was a captain in the ranger service in 1755.

Lieut. Ebenezer Lyon, Daniel Wilkins, Samuel Bradford, Israel Towne, Joseph Lovejoy, John Burns, Jonathan Lamson, Nathaniel Haseltine, Daniel Weston, Stephen Peabody, and John Mills, served in Col. John Hart's regiment, at Crown Point, in 1758.

Benjamin Davis, John Mills, John Stewart, and Robert Stewart, were privates in Col. John Goffe's regiment, at Crown Point, in 1760.

"John McKean, brother of Samuel, who settled in Amherst in 1761, seems to have been a resident in the township prior to 1757. He was one of the ill-fated New Hampshire battallion that surrendered to Montcalm, the leader of the French and Indians, at Fort William Henry, in August, 1757. While the garrison of the fort was marching out, after its surrender, the New Hampshire militia, being in the rear, were suddenly attacked by the Indians, and eighty, out of the two hundred men present, were killed. McKean was taken prisoner after

a desperate struggle for his liberty. On the night following his capture, he was stripped of his clothing, and bound to a tree by his captors, where he stood a target for their keen-edged knives and tomahawks. When he was gashed and bleeding at every pore, his wounds were filled with pitch-pine splinters, which were set afire, which soon terminated his tortures."

The following account is given of one of Dea. Hobbs's fights with the Indians :

"In the month of February, 1748, the Massachusetts General Court directed the number of men at Fort Massachusetts, now Adams, Mass., and Number Four, now Charlestown, N. H., to be increased to one hundred in each place. Of these, a suitable force was to be employed to intercept the French and Indian enemy in their marches from Wood-creek and Otter-creek to the frontiers. As an incentive to vigilance, a reward of one hundred pounds was ordered to be divided in equal parts among the officers and soldiers of any scouting party that might capture an Indian or produce the scalp of one they had killed. Capt. Stevens was again appointed commander at Number Four, and Capt. Hobbs was ordered to the same post as second in command. On the twenty-fifth of June, Capt. Hobbs, with forty men, was ordered from Number Four to Fort Shirley, in Heath, one of the forts of the Massachusetts cordon, extending from Fort Massachusetts to Number Four. On Sunday, June 26, having proceeded about six miles, they halted at a place about twelve miles north-west of Fort Dummer, in the precincts of what is now the town of Marlborough, Vt. A large body of Indians, who had discovered Hobbs's trail, had made a rapid march in order to cut him off. They were commanded by a resolute chief named Sackett, said to have been a half blood, a descendant of a captive taken at Westfield, Mass.

Although Hobbs was not aware of the pursuit of the enemy, he had posted a guard on his trail, and his men, having spread themselves over a low piece of ground covered with alders intermixed with large trees and watered by a rivulet, had prepared their dinner, and were regaling themselves at their packs. While in this situation, the rear guards were driven in from their posts, which was the first intimation given of the presence of the enemy.

Without knowing the strength of his adversaries, Capt. Hobbs instantly formed his men for action, each one by his advice selecting a tree as a cover.

Trusting in the superiority of their numbers, and confident of success, the enemy rushed forward with shouts; but Hobbs's well-directed fire, by which several were killed, checked their impetuosity,

and caused them to retreat for shelter behind the trees and brush. The action now became warm, and a severe conflict followed between the sharpshooters. The two commanders had been known to each other in times of peace, and both bore the character of fearless men. Sackett, who could speak English, frequently called upon Hobbs in the tones of a stentor to surrender, and threatened, in case of refusal, to destroy his men with the tomahawk. Hobbs, with a voice equally sonorous, returned the defiance, and urged his antagonist to put his threat into execution.

The action continued for four hours, Hobbs's party displaying throughout the most consummate skill and prudence, and neither side withdrawing an inch from its original position. The Indians not unfrequently approached the line of their adversaries, but were as often driven back to their first position by the well-directed fire of the sharp-sighted marksmen. Finding Hobbs determined on resistance, and that his own men had suffered severely in the struggle, Sackett finally ordered a retreat, and left his opponent master of a well-fought field.

Hobbs's men were so well protected that only three, Ebenezer Mitchel, Eli Scott, and Samuel Gunn, were killed in the conflict. Of the remainder, Daniel McKinney, of Wrentham, had his thigh broken by a ball from the enemy, and was thereby disabled for life. Samuel Graves, jr., of Sunderland, a lad seventeen years of age, received a ball near the middle of the forehead, which went through part of his head, and came out on the left side, almost over his ear, bringing with it almost two spoonsful of his brains. He, however, recovered. Nathan Walker, of Sudbury, received a wound in the arm, and Ralph Rice was injured.

Many of the enemy were seen to fall, but their actual loss was never certainly known, as they took effectual measures to conceal it.

After the Indians had left, Hobbs and his men remained concealed until dark, fearing another attack; but, there being no signs of the enemy, they gathered their packs, took up the dead and wounded, and, after burying the former under some old logs about half a mile from the scene of action, and conducting the latter—two of whom they were obliged to carry—to a place about two miles distant, they encamped for the night. They arrived at Fort Dummer, in Brattleborough, on the 27th, at four o'clock in the afternoon, and sent the wounded men to Northfield, where they could receive proper medical attention.

The number of Sackett's force, though not certainly known, was estimated at four times that of the English, and it is probable that had he known his superiority, he would have adopted a different

method of warfare. The battle was regarded by the people in the vicinity as a master-piece of persevering bravery, and served, to a certain extent, to remove the unfavorable impression produced by the defeat of Melvin's scout a short time before. 'If Hobbs's men had been Romans,' says one writer, 'they would have been crowned with laurel, and their names would have been transmitted with perpetual honors to succeeding generations.'"

—*Hall's History of Eastern Vermont*, 1858.

## CHAPTER XVII.

## THE WAR FOR INDEPENDENCE.

1768-1776.

SERVICES OF NEW ENGLAND TROOPS IN PRECEDING WARS.—  
TAXATION OF THE COLONIES, AND ITS EFFECTS.—GOV. WENT-  
WORTH.—SEIZURE OF AMMUNITION AT FORT WILLIAM AND  
MARY.—PROCEEDINGS OF THE TOWN PRIOR TO THE COMMENCE-  
MENT OF THE WAR.—COUNTY CONGRESS AND ITS PROCEED-  
INGS.—COMPANIES OF MINUTE-MEN FORMED.—AMHERST  
COMPANY AT CAMBRIDGE.—EXPLOITS OF THOMPSON MAXWELL.  
—CAPT. CROSBY'S CERTIFICATE.—AMHERST MEN AT BUNKER  
HILL.—THEIR LOSSES IN THE BATTLE.—ACCOUNT OF WASH-  
INGTON'S TAKING COMMAND OF THE ARMY.—OFFICERS OF THE  
AMHERST AND WILTON COMPANY AT WINTER HILL.—AMHERST  
MEN IN BEDEL'S REGIMENT SURRENDERED AT THE "CEDARS,"  
AND THEIR SUFFERINGS.—AMHERST MEN AT PORTSMOUTH,  
WHO AFTERWARD WENT TO TICONDEROGA IN COL. LONG'S  
REGIMENT.—ASSOCIATION TEST PAPER.—AMHERST MEN IN  
COL. WYMAN'S REGIMENT; IN COL. BALDWIN'S REGIMENT, AT  
WHITE PLAINS; IN COL. GILMAN'S REGIMENT.—ESCAPE OF  
NEW YORK TORIES FROM AMHERST JAIL.—PROCEEDINGS OF  
THE TOWN IN REGARD TO THE ESTATE OF ZACCHEUS CUTLER,  
ESQ.—READING OF THE DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE.—  
REORGANIZATION OF THE ARMY.

The reverses sustained by the British forces in America  
in the early part of the French and Indian war were  
retrieved by their victories at a later date, under the lead

of Amherst and Wolfe, which resulted in the capture of Quebec, in 1759, and the cession of the Canadas to the English a few years later.

France and Great Britain were again at peace, and the tomahawk of the savage ceased from its bloody work.

The New England provinces had contributed liberally in men and means to the accomplishment of this result. No troops did better service in the contest than the rangers enlisted from their young men, who came out of the strife with confidence in themselves, ready at all times to do battle for the right, and thoroughly despising, as did their Puritan ancestors, the idea of cowardly submission to arbitrary power.

The efforts of the home government to raise a revenue by taxing the colonists met with a determined resistance in the Province of Massachusetts. Troops were sent over to assist in enforcing the decrees of government, and a collision took place between a party of soldiers and some of the citizens of Boston, in which several of the latter were killed. An attempt to force the landing of tea belonging to the East India Company was foiled by its being thrown into Boston harbor by a party of the people disguised as Indians on the night of 16 December, 1773. Finally, the port of Boston was declared closed by the home government.

While the people of Boston were suffering from the measures adopted by the English government, assistance was afforded them from other towns in the Province, and many of the towns in New Hampshire contributed liberally toward their relief.

John Wentworth, a native of Portsmouth, was at that time Governor of New Hampshire. Loyal to his king, and loyal so far as he consistently could be to the Province, he strove to avert the threatened storm. Failing in this, he retired from the Province, which he never afterward visited.



The first serious outbreak in New Hampshire was the seizure, on the night of the 14th of December, 1774, of the ammunition stored in Fort William and Mary, in Portsmouth harbor.

Against this act of treason, Gov. Wentworth protested, and called upon the loyal people of the Province to assist in arresting its perpetrators; but his call was in vain. Pickering, Sullivan, Langdon, and their associates, were unmolested; and in all probability some of the powder taken at that time was used by the New Hampshire militia, six months later, to send their leaden greetings to the soldiers of the king on Bunker's hill.

The citizens of Amherst, which was originally a Massachusetts township, peopled for the most part by Massachusetts men and women, entered at once heartily into the contest.

In anticipation of the coming trouble, we find the town, 15 April, 1768, voting in town meeting to appropriate £20 lawful money "to procure powder and ammunition." From this vote we read that "Ens. Samuel Stewart dissented." A few years later, acting in the spirit of Cromwell's injunction to his "Ironsides" to keep their powder dry, we find them, 15 Sept., 1775, voting "to build a house on the easterly side of the burying-ground to secure the town stock of ammunition." The house was directed to be built of chestnut logs, hewed twelve inches thick, and lathed and plastered on the outside. Paul Dudley Sargent and Timothy Smith were appointed a committee to complete the same.

This house is well remembered by many of the older natives of the town. It did duty about seventy years, and was finally taken down.

A convention of eighty-five deputies from most of the towns in the province, met at Exeter 21 July, 1774, and chose Nathaniel Folsom, of Exeter, and John Sullivan, of Durham, delegates to attend a general congress of the

colonies in Philadelphia, in the month of September following.

Paul Dudley Sargent represented the town of Amherst in this convention, and his expenses and a portion of the expenses of the convention were defrayed by a voluntary subscription of the citizens.

24 October, 1774, Paul Dudley Sargent, Daniel Campbell, and Benjamin Kendrick, were appointed delegates of the town to a County Congress, and they were directed and instructed "to use their endeavors to secure and maintain good order in the town, and to use their utmost efforts to diffuse peace and good order in this county, and excite in the minds of people a due respect for all just measures that may be recommended by the present Grand Congress at Philadelphia, and said delegates are hereby instructed to take copies of this vote from the clerk and send to all the towns in the county that they shall think necessary, to constitute a county congress, that so the good ends aforesaid may be answered, grievances heard, and remonstrate to such authority whose province it is to grant redress." And they were to continue in office until the next annual town meeting.

At the annual meeting held 13 March, 1775, the above named delegates were chosen for another year, and instructed as when first chosen.

A congress composed of delegates from most of the towns in the county assembled soon after. Capt. John Stark was a delegate from Derryfield. The following account of the dealings of this congress with a loyalist may possess some interest:

"PROCEEDINGS IN THE CASE OF BENJAMIN WHITING,  
OF HOLLIS.

*Whereas* the delegates for the several towns in the county of Hillsborough in Congress chose a committee of nine persons to hear, examine, and try, Benjamin Whiting, Esq., as an open and avowed enemy to his country, the said Whiting, being notified of the time and place of hearing, did not appear.

ORDERED, that his contempt be recorded, and that upon examination of sundry depositions and evidences, we find him guilty of the crimes laid to his charge, and we do caution all persons from connexions with him.

MATTHEW PATTEN, *Chairman*.

AMHERST, in N. H. government, July 13, 1775."

Two depositions against him were as follows:

"*Robert Fletcher* testified that some time in April, or the beginning of May, 1774, at Dunstable, in conversation with Benjamin Whiting, Esq., who said that a man in deponent's place that did not endeavour that the acts of Parliament should be put in execution, ought to be damned.

*Thompson Maxwell* testified and said that in the month of May last past, I was riding from Hollis to Amherst, in New Hampshire government, in company with Benjamin Whiting, Esq., who asked me what I thought of Major Sullivan's taking away the guns and powder from Castle William and Mary? I answered that I looked upon it as a piece of good conduct. Then said Whiting answered that said Sullivan was a dam'd perjured villian for so doing, and a dam'd rebel, and deserved to be hanged, that this spring the king's standard would be set up in America, and proclamation made that those that would come in and enter their names would have a pardon, and those that would not would be deemed rebels and suffer death jointly, and that within three months said Sullivan and John Hancock would be hanged. The said Whiting also said he hoped I would come in and enter my name.

Sworn to before

JONAS DIX, *Jus. Peace*.

CAMBRIDGE, July 6, 1775."

27 December, 1774, the town voted "to approve of the results of the Grand Congress, and strictly adhere to them," and chose a committee consisting of Col. John Shepard, Lieut. Benj. Kendrick, Nahum Baldwin, John Shepard, jr., Esq., Dr. Moses Nichols, Daniel Campbell, Esq., Josiah Sawyer, Joseph Gould, Paul Dudley Sargent, Thomas Burns, and Samuel Wilkins, to carry into effect the association agreement in this town. If any break over said agreement, the committee [are] ordered to publish the same in the newspapers.

Voted their sincere thanks to the members of the late Continental Congress, and to those from this Province in particular.

13 March, 1775, voted three pounds nineteen shillings to Mr. Sargent, for his time and expenses at Exeter.

19 April, 1775. The attack upon the Lexington militia by the British troops aroused the country. In many of the towns in Massachusetts and New Hampshire, companies of minute men had been formed and drilled in anticipation of the coming conflict. The company in Amherst repaired at once to Cambridge. At first it served under the orders of the Province of Massachusetts, but upon the organization of the New Hampshire militia, by the authorities of the Province, in May, 1775, it became a part of the third New Hampshire regiment, and was placed under the command of Col. James Reed, of Fitzwilliam.

The town was represented by one of its citizens in the "tea party," in December, 1773, and in the Concord "fight" in 1775, whose story is as follows:

Thompson Maxwell was the son of an Irish immigrant who settled in Bedford, Mass. He saw some service in the French and Indian war, and, after its close, settled in the south-west part of Amherst, where he gained a livelihood by farming and teaming. He frequently went to Boston, carrying a load of country produce, and on his return brought goods for the merchants and others in town.

One of these trips was made in the month of December, 1773. After unloading his freight he went to John Hancock's warehouse to load for his return trip. While thus engaged, Hancock sent word to him to drive the team to his stable, where it would be cared for, and afterward call at his counting-room. Complying with the request, he was informed that it was proposed to unload the tea-ships, which were then lying in the harbor that night, and that his assistance would be acceptable. He entered into the plan at once, assisted in the business, and the next day drove home "as any honest man would."

He made another trip to Boston in the month of April, 1775. On his way home he stopped for the night at the house of his brother-in-law, Capt. Jonathan Wilson, in Bedford, who was captain of the Bedford company of

minute men. In the course of the night word came that the British troops had started from Boston on an excursion into the country. The members of the company were summoned at once, and started for the scene of the expected conflict. He received an invitation to accompany them, which he accepted, and went "well armed." In the fight of that day Capt. Wilson was killed. After the fight was over Maxwell returned to Bedford and hired a man to drive his team to Amherst, while he repaired to Cambridge, where the Amherst company arrived shortly after, and he took his place in the ranks as its second lieutenant.

The following will give us some idea of the enthusiasm of the people after receiving the news of the fight at Lexington and Concord. It is also an honorable tribute to Col. John Shepard, one of the prominent citizens of the town:

"This certifies that Esq. Shepard in April, 1775, went with a Detachment of the Melitia, of about one hundred men, from Amherst to Cambridge, aided, assisted, and comforted them, and at Cambridge left with them two Spanish milled dollars.

JOSIAH CROSBY."

Nor was this all Col. Shepard left with the "melitia." On the back of the certificate is a list of other articles left, as follows: Pork, 57½ lbs., ½ bushel beans, 1½ bushel to Sargent, some bread, and 1½ bushel meal.

By the census taken that year, Amherst had 328 men above 16 years of age, 53 of whom were over 50 years old. Of these Capt. Crosby says "about 100," or over 30 per cent., went to Cambridge. The census returns report "81 men in the army."

#### AMHERST MEN IN THE BATTLE OF BUNKER HILL.

Stephen Peabody, Adjutant of Col. Reed's regiment.

Amherst soldiers in Capt. Crosby's Company.

Josiah Crosby, capt.  
Daniel Wilkins, jr., 1st lieut.  
Thompson Maxwell, 2d lieut.

John Mills,	} sergeants.
William Bradford,	
David Ramsay,	
Josiah Sawyer,	

Lemuel Winchester,	} corpo'ls.	James Gilmore,
Eleazer W. Kingsbury,		Stephen Hill,
Peter Goss,		Joel Howe,
Eli Wilkins,		Archelaus Kenney,
Thomas Powell, drummer.		Solomon Kittredge,
Jabez Holt, fifer.		Jeremiah Lamson,
Joshua Abbott,		Andrew Leavitt,
Nathaniel Barret,		Joseph Leavitt,
Joseph Bowtal,		Joshua Pettingill,
Alexander Brown,		Nourse Sawyer,
Jonathan Burnam,		James Simpson,
Joshua Burnam,		Jonathan Small,
Thomas Clark,		Samuel Sternes,
Robert Cochran,		Jonathan Taylor,
John Cole,		Rufus Trask,
Stephen Crosby,		Eben Wakefield,
Nathaniel Crosby,		Joseph Wakefield,
Jacob Curtice,		Joseph Wallace,
Benjamin Davis,		Sutherick Weston,
Thaddeus Fitch,		Jonathan Wilkins,
Amos Flint,		Samuel Williams,
Thomas Giles,		Isaac Wright.

In Capt. Archelaus Towne's company, then in Stark's regiment.

Archelaus Towne, capt.	Samuel Lamson,
William Read, corporal.	Adam Patterson,
Nathan Kendall, jr., fifer.	Peter Robertson,
Benjamin Merrill,	Bartholomew Towne,
Moses Barron,	Archelaus Towne, jr.,
Jacob Blodgett,	Reuben Wheeler.
Stephen Gould,	

In Capt. Levi Spaulding's company, Reed's regiment.

Joseph Bradford, 1st lieut.	William Tuck,
Benjamin Dike, corporal.	Richard Hughes,
William Brown,	Robert B. Wilkins.
Richard Goodman,	

Capt. Towne's company was at first a part of the twenty-seventh Massachusetts regiment, under the command of Col. Bridge. At the time of the battle of Bunker Hill, it

was one of the thirteen companies in the first New Hampshire, or Stark's, regiment.

Peter Robertson, a private in this company was wounded while crossing "the neck" on his way to Bunker Hill by a cannon ball, which carried away his right hand. He received a pension of 20 shillings per month from the State, commencing 1 January, 1776.

John Cole, a private in Capt. Crosby's company was killed in the battle, and Robert B. Wilkins, of Capt. Spaulding's company was wounded in the right elbow by a musket ball.

After the battle Capt. Crosby made a return of the losses sustained by the members of his company as follows:

"An account of things that was lost at the Battle of Bunker's hill, on the 17th of June, 1775, belonging to Capt. Crosby's company: viz., Capt. Crosby's things are 1 pistol & 1 pair of worsted stockings; Lieut. Daniel Wilkins, 1 cotton shirt; Ens'n Thompson Maxwell, 1 fine shirt & 1 powder-horn; Adj't Stephen Peabody, 1 blanket & 1 shirt; Quarter-Master Frye, 1 coat & 1 hat; Serg't William Bradford, 1 shirt; Serg't Lemuel Winchester, 1 pair of shoes; Eli Wilkins, 1 blanket & 1 bullet mold; Alexander Brown, 1 cotton shirt, 1 pair of stockings, & 1 gnapsack; Thaddeus Fitch, 1 shirt, 1 pair calfskin pumps, 1 pair trowsers, & gnapsack; Samuel Stearnes, 1 pair of shoes; Stephen Crosby, 1 great coat & 1 shirt; Jona. Wilkins, 1 shirt; Thomas Giles, 1 gun, 1 cartooch box, & 1 jacket; Thomas Perry, 1 woolen shirt, 1 powder-horn, & 1 gnapsack; Joseph Boutel, 1 pair of stockings, 1 pair of Leather Breeches; Nathaniel Barret, 1 gnapsack, 1 pair of shoes and buckles, & 1 handkerchief; Sam'l Williams, 1 shirt, & 1 hankerchief, & 1 gun; James Gilmore, 1 blanket, 1 handkerchief; Joseph Wakefield, 1 p'r deerskin breeches, 1 cartooch box; Eben'r Wakefield, 1 sett of shoemaker's tools, 1 shirt, 2 p'rs stockings, & 1 p'r shoes; Daniel Kenney, 1 great coat & 1 gun; Joseph Wallis, 1 pair shoes; Andrew Leavitt, 1 coverlid, 1 p'r stockings, 1 gnapsack, & handkerchief; Josiah Sawyer, 1 gun, 1 coat, 1 powder-horn, & 1 Bible; Joshua Abbot, 1 gnapsack & p'r of stockings; Joshua Abbott, 1 gnapsack & p'r stockings.

JOSIAH CROSBY, *Capt.*"

Andrew Leavitt, Samuel Robertson, William Wakefield and Eben Wincol Wright, enlisted into the company 19

June, 1775. Of these, Leavitt seems to have been in the battle two days before.

Capt. Crosby's company was present when Washington took command of the army, 2 July, 1775, of which Andrew Leavitt, one of the survivors, gave the following account to the writer many years since:

"The officers placed their men in as good shape as they could, but they were a motley looking set, no two dressed alike. Some were armed with fowling pieces, some with rifles, others with muskets without bayonets. When all was in readiness, Washington and his staff advanced to the square prepared for their reception. He was a large, noble looking man, in the prime of life, and was mounted on a powerful black horse over which he seemed to have perfect control.

After a short address to the soldiers, he took from his pocket a Psalm book, from which he read the one hundred and first Psalm (another account says it was then sung by the soldiers to the tune of Old Hundred)."

From a return made of Capt. Crosby's company, 21 June, 1775, we learn that on that day there were present and fit for duty, 1 captain, 1 lieutenant, 1 ensign, 3 sergeants, 4 corporals, 1 drummer, and 30 privates. Total—41.

2 privates were sick; 1 was wounded; 1 attended the wounded; 3 were absent on furlough; 2 had deserted; 1 was on command; 3 were in the train; 4 were absent without leave, and 1 was missing. Total—18.

The company was styled the ninth company. The privates were paid forty shillings per month for their services, and the term of their enlistment was eight months; many however continued in the army until the British evacuated Boston in March, 1776—some even longer.

Quartermaster Isaac Frye, of Wilton, reported the rations dealt out to the company for several days as follows:

1775, July 3 to 8; 50 men present who received 51 loaves bread; 65 lbs. pork; 126 lbs. beef; 176 gills rice; 44 gallons beer.

July 14 to 18; 54 men present received 54 loaves bread; 54 lbs. pork; 155 lbs. beef; 189 gills rice.



July 28 to August 1; 54 men present received 54 loaves bread; 67½ lbs. pork; 67½ lbs. beef; 189 gills rice; 67½ lbs. cod-fish, and 20 lbs. butter.

It appears from official documents that the State furnished 554 gallons of New England rum, and 1759½ gallons of West India rum for the use of its soldiers while engaged around Boston in 1775.

In compliance with the earnest entreaties of Gen. Sullivan, thirty-one companies, numbering sixty-one men each, were sent from New Hampshire to Winter Hill, near Boston, in December, 1775, to take the place of the Connecticut troops stationed there, who insisted on returning home as the term of their enlistment had expired. The names of the commissioned officers of these companies alone have been preserved. Benjamin Taylor, of Amherst, was captain; Nathan Ballard, of Wilton, first lieutenant; and John Bradford of Amherst, ensign of the company raised in Amherst and Wilton.

Capt. Taylor died at Medford, in February, 1776, before the expiration of the time for which he enlisted.

The following receipt, found among the papers in the Adjutant General's office, in Concord, is one of the few relics of the campaign of the New Hampshire boys at Winter Hill, in the winter of 1775-6:

"COLONY OF NEW HAMPSHIRE, June 21, 1776.  
*To Nicholas Gilman, Esq., R. G.:*

Pursuant to a vote of the Council and Assembly, pay Deacon Nahum Baldwin seven hundred and eighty pounds to pay off Capt. Augustus Blanchard's Comp'y, according to his instructions from the General Assembly to be accounted for by him.

M. WEARE, *President.*"

"Received the contents of the within order in full.

p'r NAHUM BALDWIN."

Capt. Blanchard, then of Merrimack, afterward removed to Amherst, and was for many years a prominent citizen of the south-west parish, now Milford.

Jonathan Burnham was paid £12 4s. 10d., for mustering in the thirty-one companies of N. H. militia that served on Winter Hill in the winter of 1775-6.

A regiment was raised in December, 1775, and placed under the command of Col. Timothy Bedel, which was ordered to join the northern army in New York, with which it was to march to reinforce the army in Canada. In one of the companies in this regiment we find the following Amherst men:

Daniel Wilkins, jr., capt.	Stephen Curtice,
John Mills, 2d lieut.	Roger Dutton,
William Bradford, ensign.	John Farnham,
Benjamin Dike, sergeant.	Larafora Gilbert,
Sutherland Weston, }	Obadiah Holt,
Joshua Abbott, }	Solomon Kittredge,
Samuel Sternes, }	Jeremiah Lamson,
Thomas Powell, drummer.	Joseph Lovejoy,
Jabez Holt, fifer.	Hugh McKean,
William Brown,	Thomas Melendy,
Amos Boutwell,	Aaron Nichols,
Primus Chandler, [colored].	Isaac Stearns,
James Clark,	Daniel Wilkins, 3d,
James Cochran,	Sylvester Wilkins,
Robert Cochran,	Andrew Wilkins,
Isaac Palmer Curtice,	John Wiley.

This regiment was surrendered to the British and Indians by its commanding officer, Major Butterfield, at a place called "The Cedars," 10 May, 1776. Many of the men were inhumanly treated by their captors. Their clothing was stripped from their persons, and in this condition they were made to run between two files of Indians who beat them as they passed. Years afterward many of them were paid by the legislature for clothing lost at that time.

After their exchange they went to Crown Point, where Capt. Wilkins and several of his company died of small-pox, in July, 1776. The commander of the army, Gen. Thomas, died about the same time, and the mortality among the soldiers was so great that pits were dug into which their remains were thrown without any coffins. When the pits were nearly filled, a slight covering of earth was thrown over the bodies.

The following Amherst men mustered by Col. Nahum Baldwin, 15 April, 1776, were a part of a company commanded by Capt. Timothy Clement, which was sent to Portsmouth to assist in guarding the sea coast and the forts in the harbor:

William Stewart, ensign.	Jonathan Lyon.
Nathan Abbot.	Ebenezer Odell.
Silas Coolidge.	Robert Parker.
Jonathan Dutton.	Samuel Shepard.
David Fisk.	John Stearns.
Richard Goodman.	Asa Swinnerton.
Joshua Kendall.	Amehias Towne, jr.
Zephaniah Kittredge.	Henry Trivet.
Edmund Lyon.	

This company with others was organized into a regiment 25 September, 1776, which was placed under the command of Col. Pierce Long. On the 23 November following, it was ordered to Ticonderoga, to which place it marched in February, 1777.

#### ASSOCIATION TEST PAPER.

In the month of April, 1776, the following paper was received by the selectmen, from the Committee of Safety of the State:

*"To the Selectmen of Amherst:*

*In Committee of Safety, April 12, 1776.*

In order to carry the underwritten Resolves of the Hon'ble Continental Congress into execution. You are requested to desire all males above Twenty-One years of age (Lunaticks, Idiots, and Negroes, excepted) to sign the declaration on this paper, and when so done, to make return hereof, together with the name or names of all who shall refuse to sign the same, to the General Assembly or Committee of Safety of this Colony.

**M. WEARE, Chairman."**

In Congress, March 14, 1776.

"Resolved that it be recommended to the several assemblies, Conventions, and Councils, or Committees of Safety, of the United States, immediately to cause all persons to be disarmed within their Respective Colonies, who are notoriously disaffected to the cause of

America, or who have not associated, and refuse to associate, to defend by arms the United Colonies against the hostile attempts of the British fleets and Armies.

CHARLES THOMPSON, *Secretary.*"

—*Extract from the Minutes.*

In consequence of the above resolution of the Hon. Continental Congress, and to show our determination in joining our American brethren in defending the Lives, Liberties and Properties of the Inhabitants of the United Colonies,—We the subscribers do hereby engage and promise that we will to the utmost of our power, at the risk of our Lives and Fortunes, with arms, oppose the Hostile proceedings of the British fleets and armies against the United Colonies :

[For convenience of reference the names are placed in alphabetical order, and the names of those who served in the army are printed in capitals.]

Darius Abbott,  
Ephraim Abbott,  
Ebenezer Averil,  
John Averil,  
Thomas Averil, jr.,  
NAHUM BALDWIN,  
Ephraim Barker,  
NATHANIEL BARRETT,  
MOSES BARRON,  
Samuel Blasdell,  
JACOB BLODGETT,  
Joseph Boutell,  
JOSEPH BOUTELL, 2d,  
Kendal Boutell,  
REUBEN BOUTELL,  
Andrew Bradford,  
ENOS BRADFORD,  
JOHN BRADFORD,  
William Bradford,  
George Burns,  
John Burns,  
JOHN BURNS, JR.,  
John Burns, 3d,  
Thomas Burns,  
Stephen Burnam,  
Oliver Carleton,

Thomas Carrell,  
THOMAS CLARK,  
Nathan Cleaves,  
John Cochran,  
Joseph Coggin,  
HENRY CODMAN,  
William Codman,  
JOHN COLE,  
NATHAN COLE,  
JOSIAH CROSBY,  
Samson Crosby,  
SILAS CUMMINGS,  
Jacob Curtice,  
JACOB CURTICE, JR.,  
Benjamin Day,  
John Damon,  
Bartholomew Dodge,  
Benjamin Dodge,  
Josiah Dodge,  
David Duncklee,  
John Duncklee,  
Joseph Duncklee,  
Francis Elliott,  
JOSEPH FARNUM,  
STEPHEN FARNUM,  
Elisha Felton,

William Fisk,  
 William Fisk, jr.,  
 Amos Flint,  
 AMOS FLINT, JR.,  
 Nathan Flint,  
 EPHRAIM FRENCH,  
 Nathan Fuller,  
 James Gage,  
 JAMES GILMORE,  
 ALLEN GOODRIDGE,  
 Amos Green,  
 David Green,  
 John Grimes,  
 Jonathan Grimes,  
 Joseph Gould,  
 Richard Gould,  
 Samuel Hall,  
 SAMUEL HARRIS,  
 Benjamin Hartshorn,  
 James Hartshorn,  
 JOHN HARTSHORN,  
 John Harwood,  
 NATHANIEL HASELTINE,  
 Samuel Henry,  
 Timothy Hill,  
 Ephraim Hildreth,  
 DAVID HILDRETH,  
 Jacob Hildreth,  
 WILLIAM HOGG,  
 Eben Holt, jr.,  
 Isaac Holt,  
 Reuben Holt,  
 Isaac How,  
 JOEL HOWE,  
 Benjamin Hopkins,  
 Benjamin Hopkins, jr.,  
 Ebenezer Hopkins,  
 RICHARD HUGHES,  
 Abner Hutchinson,  
 Eben Hutchinson,  
 Elisha Hutchinson,  
 Nathan Hutchinson,  
 NATHAN HUTCHINSON, 2d,

Nathan Jones,  
 Nathan Jones, jr.,  
 MICHAEL KIEFF,  
 John Kendall, jr.,  
 Nathan Kendall,  
 Benjamin Kenrick,  
 Josiah Kidder,  
 HENRY KIMBALL,  
 Moses Kimball,  
 SOLOMON KITTREDGE,  
 JONATHAN LAMPSON,  
 William Lampson,  
 Joseph Langdell,  
 FRANCIS LOVEJOY,  
 HEZEKIAH LOVEJOY,  
 Jacob Lovejoy,  
 John Lovejoy,  
 WILLIAM LOW,  
 Jonathan Lund,  
 JONATHAN LYON,  
 Thomas McAllister,  
 JAMES MCKEAN,  
 Robert Means,  
 William Melendy, jr.,  
 BENJAMIN MERRILL,  
 JOHN MITCHELL,  
 DIMOND MUZZEY,  
 MOSES NICHOLS,  
 Timothy Nichols,  
 William Odell,  
 William Odell, jr.,  
 ROBERT PARKER,  
 ADAM PATTERSON,  
 JOHN PATTERSON,  
 STEPHEN PEABODY,  
 William Peabody,  
 William Peabody, jr.,  
 William Peacock,  
 Joseph Pierce,  
 Joseph Prince,  
 Joseph Prince, jr.,  
 EBENEZER REA,  
 Robert Read,

JAM READ,	Ebenezer Temple,
ER ROBERTSON,	ARCHELAUS TOWNE,
Roby,	Israel Towne,
PH ROLLINGS,	Israel Towne, jr.,
ian Sawyer,	Thomas Towne,
AH SAWYER,	THOMAS TOWNE, 2d,
AM SAWYER, JR.,	David Truel,
Secombe,	John Tuck,
Seeton,	John Twiss,
Seeton,	Jonathan Twiss,
Shepard, jr.,	Phinehas Upham,
i Small,	Ezekiel Upton,
m Small,	Thomas Wakefield, jr.,
JAM SMALL, JR.,	JOSEPH WALLACE,
l Smith,	William Wallace,
Smith,	Richard Ward,
Smith,	John Washer,
ian Smith,	STEPHEN WASHER,
hy Smith,	Ebenezer Weston,
B STANDLEY,	Isaac Weston,
EL STANLEY,	Thomas Weston,
i Steel,	ABIJAH WILKINS,
i Steel, jr.	John Wilkins,
l Stephens,	JONATHAN WILKINS, JR.,
EL STERNES,	Joshua Wilkins,
SON STEWART,	William Wilkins,
Stickney,	LEMUEL WINCHESTER,
l Stratton,	James Woodbury,
ian Taylor,	Peter Woodbury,
l Taylor,	ISAAC WRIGHT,
an Taylor,	Joshua Wright.
min Temple,	

*Hon'ble, The Committee of Safety for the State of New Hampshire,  
the General Assembly thereof:*

uant to the Request on this paper from the Committee of  
to us directed, we have invited those Persons therein named  
in the Declaration on this paper, and all that have seen it have  
it except Joshua Atherton, Esq., Mr. Daniel Campbell, Mr.  
l Dodge, and Col. John Shepard.

THOMAS WAKEFIELD,	} <i>Selectmen.</i>
REUBEN MUSSEY,	
SAMUEL WILKINS,	

A regiment was raised in July, 1776, to reinforce the army in Canada. It was commanded by Col. Isaac Wyman, was mustered in 16 July, 1776, and served about three and a half months.

In a company in this regiment, commanded by Capt. William Barron, of Merrimack, we find the following soldiers from Amherst :

JAMES GILMORE, ensign.	Jonathan Lamson,
Nathaniel Hazeltine, }	Ebenezer Rea,
Ephraim French, } sergeants.	William Small, jr.,
Aaron Boutell,	William Stewart, and
Benjamin Clark,	George Wilson, privates.

In Capt. William Harper's company, were

Silas Cooledge,	Robert Parker, and
Zephaniah Kittredge,	Joseph Perkins, privates.

In Capt. Samuel Wetherbee's company, were

John Averill, and	Timothy Nichols, jr., privates.
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Stephen Peabody, of Amherst, was major of the regiment -

#### COL. BALDWIN'S REGIMENT.

This regiment was raised in September, 1776, and marched to assist the army in New York. It was in the battle at White Plains, 28 Oct., 1776, and was dismissed at North Castle, N. Y., about the first of December of that year. Amherst was represented in this regiment by

COL. NAHUM BALDWIN, and the following men who served in the company commanded by Capt. Philip Putnam, of Wilton :

William Low, ensign.	Stephen Farnum,
Elijah Averill,	John Grimes,
Reuben Boutell,	John Hartshorn,
Ebenezer Carlton,	Joel Howe,
John Cochran,	Francis Lovejoy, -
Jonathan Cochran,	Isaac Peabody,

Abel Prince,  
James Rea,  
Benjamin Smith,  
Daniel Smith,  
Benjamin Taylor,

Richard Towne,  
Thomas Towne,  
Aaron Upton,  
Joseph Wallace, and  
Jonathan Wilkins, privates.

In Capt. Read's company, were

William Read, captain.

Andrew Elliot, private.

When a requisition was made upon the town of Salisbury for men to fill its quota in this regiment, it is reported that Capt. Ebenezer Webster said, "This town has filled all its quotas, and no one can be compelled to go; but as the case is urgent, I will volunteer to go." Others, most if not all of whom had been officers, and had seen service in former wars, also volunteered, and joined the company under the command of Capt. Benjamin Emery, of Concord, as privates, and marched to the seat of war. In the battles and skirmishes in which the regiment was engaged, Capt. Webster's experience in military matters was said to have been of great value to its officers.

After the return of the regiment, the surgeon, Dr. Barnes, testified before a committee of the legislature that "many of the men were sick while in the service, and he expected they would die for want of medicine, nothing of the kind having been provided at the public expense. Whereupon the pity and humanity of the Lieut. Colonel [Gordon Hutchins] being raised, he procured medicines at his own expense to the amount of £4 8s. 7d." After hearing the surgeon's statement, the legislature voted to pay Col. Hutchins £3 6s. 6d. for his outlay. At the same session Col. Baldwin was allowed £30 18s. 10d. for boarding and nursing sixty persons belonging to his regiment.

Another regiment was raised in December, 1776, to reinforce the army in northern New York. This was placed under the command of Col. David Gilman. In this regiment, the following Amherst men served in the company commanded by Capt. William Walker, of Dunstable:

Jonathan Cochran,  
Isaac P. Curtice,  
Jacob Curtice,  
Roger Dutton,  
Stephen Gould,

Abiel Holt,  
Ebenezer Odell,  
John Taylor,  
Robert B. Wilkins.



A special town meeting held 22 May, 1775, was the last one called in "His Majesty's" name in Amherst. The constables were simply directed by the selectmen to warn the inhabitants of the town of Amherst to the next meeting, held 14 August, 1775. A meeting, held 24 October, 1775, was called in the name of the "Province" of New Hampshire. After this, until the declaration of Independence, the town meetings were called in the name of the "Colony of New Hampshire." Since 11 September, 1776, the meetings of the town have been called in the name of the "State of New Hampshire."

14 August, 1775. The Selectmen having purchased a quantity of salt for which they had given their security, the town Voted that they should have three months from the fourth of July last past, to sell it to the inhabitants of the town. If it was not all sold at that time, they were authorized to assess the inhabitants of the town for what remained on hand.

Parties of loyalists, or tories, were sent by the authorities of the State of New York to be confined in the jails in New Hampshire. Of these, the following were ordered to be sent to Amherst jail, 22 Nov., 1776:

Alexander Andrews,	John Hitchcock,
Peter Brown [to be kept in irons],	Laughlin McGaffin,
Thomas Bullis,	Isaac Man,
William Burns,	Abraham Nath [to be in irons],
Nathaniel Douglas,	Thomas Pearson,
Jonathan Farmachiff,	Johannes Vanzelin, and
John Feathers,	James Waddie.

Not liking their accommodations the prisoners soon broke jail and escaped. Hitchcock, who seems to have been a man of some talent, left behind the following verses, the latter part of which were said to be aimed at one of the town committee of safety, who had rendered himself obnoxious to the prisoners by his excessive zeal in the discharge of the duties of his office. Tradition has it that many of the whigs enjoyed them greatly:

Come all ye people, hear the rout,  
 The jail is broke, the pris'ners 're out  
 Resolving to be free:  
 So mount your horses, load your guns,  
 And see you catch them every one.  
 And bring them back to me.

I heard a man from Wilton say,  
That just about the break of day,  
As he to market came,  
To sell his butter and his cheese,  
He spied some tories he believed,  
Straight-way a marching home.

Pull off for blood and raise the town,  
Be careful to waylay the ground  
Before they you pass by;  
Watch every hollow, plain and ridge  
And set a guard at every bridge,  
And catch them nappingly.

For all the people know it round,  
That I 'm COMMITTEE for our town,  
And if these men be lost,  
I'll venture fifty pounds to one,  
That if the Congress hear they 're gone,  
That I shall lose my Post.

Other parties of New York loyalists were sent to Amherst Jail. They were supplied with such clothing as they stood in need of at the expense of the State. The expenses of their confinement were afterward repaid by the State of New York.

The following action in regard to the estate of Zaccheus Cutler, Esq., was taken by the town at a meeting held 30 April, 1776 :

"Whereas Zaccheus Cutler, formerly of Amherst, in the County of Hillsborough and Colony of New Hampshire, has in a very daring manner proved himself inimical to his Country, and absconded from Amherst aforesaid, and joined our unnatural enemies at Boston, at the same time leaving behind him lands, buildings, &c., to a considerable value. And for prevention of his estate coming to strip and waste, we, the inhabitants of Amherst, pass the following votes: viz.,

Voted to improve the estate of Zaccheus Cutler, Esq.

Voted their Committee of Safety be a committee to improve said estate.

Voted the manner of improving said estate be left discretionary with said committee.

Voted said Committee pay the profits arising on said improvement to him or them whose right it may be to make a demand therefor."

Against this action of the town, Col. John Shepard, Capt. Israel Towne, Ensign William Peabody, and Mr. Thomas Towne, entered their protest, for reasons "that would be given at a proper time if called for."

The British army evacuated Boston in March, 1776, and the seat of war was transferred to the Middle States and the northern frontier.

18 July, 1776, the declaration of Independence was received and proclaimed by Moses Kelley, Esq., Sheriff of the County, with beat of drum from the horse block, which then stood on the common in front of the meeting-house. On the same day it was read to the people of Exeter, by John Taylor Gilman.

In many of the towns in Massachusetts it was read from the pulpits in the churches the first Sunday after its reception, and entered upon the town records.

At the close of this year the prospects of the patriots were gloomy in the extreme. They had suffered losses, but had achieved no substantial victories. Their means were nearly exhausted, and the soldiers, enlisted for short terms, were constantly returning to their homes. To remedy this latter evil, Congress determined to establish a permanent military organization, in which the men should be enlisted for three years, or during the war, the officers to be appointed and promoted by the General Congress. Under this arrangement the quota required of New Hampshire was divided into three regiments, commanded by John Stark, James Reed, and Enoch Poor. Poor being soon after appointed Brigadier-General, Stark quitted the service. Reed becoming blind also retired, and the regiments were placed under the command of Joseph Cilley, Nathan Hale, and Alexander Scammell.

This action of Congress placed the army upon a substantial basis.

## CHAPTER XVIII.

### THE WAR FOR INDEPENDENCE.

1777-'78-'79.

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE TOWN IN REGARD TO ITS SOLDIERS.—A COMMITTEE CHOSEN TO AFFIX AND SETTLE PRICES OF ARTICLES OF MERCHANDISE.—AMHERST SOLDIERS IN THE CONTINENTAL ARMY, WITH THE COMPANIES AND REGIMENTS IN WHICH THEY SERVED, AND THE PERIODS OF THEIR ENLISTMENTS.—VOLUNTEERS FOR THE DEFENCE OF TICONDEROGA.—AMHERST SOLDIERS AT BENNINGTON AND SARATOGA.—ARTICLES OF CONFEDERATION ADOPTED.—BANISHMENT OF LOYALISTS AND CONFISCATION OF THEIR PROPERTY.—ADVERTISEMENT OF THE SALE OF ZACCHEUS CUTLER'S PROPERTY.—AMHERST MEN AT RHODE ISLAND, 1778, WILLIAM HASTINGS.—COMMITTEE CHOSEN TO PROVIDE FOR SOLDIERS' FAMILIES.—PROCEEDINGS OF THE TOWN RELATIVE TO RAISING SOLDIERS.—DELEGATES CHOSEN TO A STATE CONVENTION TO REGULATE THE PRICES OF PRODUCE, ETC.—PETITIONS OF MRS. MUNROE AND CAPT. ARCHELAUS TOWNE, TO THE GENERAL COURT.—NAMES OF ONE YEAR'S MEN FURNISHED FOR THE CONTINENTAL ARMY IN 1779.—SOLDIERS AT RHODE ISLAND AND PORTSMOUTH, 1779.**

31 March, 1777. The town voted to remit the poll-tax of those persons who served as soldiers in the Continental army the whole of last year.

10 June, 1777. Voted, in case there should be an immediate call for men to serve in the Continental army, to allow those who are disposed to enlist the same encouragement they have heretofore paid, and to assess the amount necessary for this purpose upon the polls and estates of the inhabitants of the town.

Capt. Stephen Peabody, Capt. Hezekiah Lovejoy, and Mr. Solomon Kittredge were appointed a committee to procure soldiers on the terms mentioned above.

Col. Nahum Baldwin, Mr. Stephen Burnam, Mr. William Wallace, Mr. Andrew Bradford, and Mr. Timothy Smith, were chosen a committee to affix and settle prices upon sundry articles.

In a return made by Col. Moses Nichols, 19 March, 1779, we have the names of the men employed by the town to fill its quota in the Continental army in the years 1777, '78 and '79, the period of their enlistment, and the regiments and companies in which they served, as follows:

Stephen Abbot,	Cilley's Reg't,	Wait's Co.,	for 3 years.
Elijah Averill,	" "	" "	" "
Joshua Blodgett,	" "	Richards's Co.,	" "
Peter Brewer,	" "	Morrill's Co.,	for the war.
William Brown,	" "	Wait's Co.,	for 3 years.
James Cochran,	" "	Scott's Co.,	" "
Jonathan Cochran,	" "	" "	" "
Robert Cochran,	" "	Wait's Co.,	for the war.
Silas Cooledge,	" "	" "	for 3 years.
Robert Cunningham, jr.,	" "	" "	" "
Robert Cunningham,	" "	Richards's Co.,	" "
Ezekiel Davis,	" "	Wait's Co.,	" "
Joseph Davis,	" "	" "	" "
Benjamin Dike,	" "	" "	" "
John Dow,	" "	Richards's Co.,	" "
John Dutton,	" "	Wait's Co.,	" "
Richard Goodman,	Scammell's Reg't,	Frye's Co.,	" "
Jude Hall,	Cilley's Reg't,	Richards's Co.,	" "
Henry Harris,	" "	Wait's Co.,	" "
Richard Hughes,	Scammell's Reg't,	Frye's Co.,	" "
Daniel Kidder,	Cilley's Reg't,	Morrill's Co.,	" "
Robert Parker,	" "	Wait's Co.,	" "
Thomas Powell,	Scammell's Reg't,	Frye's Co.,	" "
William Shaddock,	Cilley's Reg't,	Morrill's Co.,	" "
Isaac Smith,	" "	Wait's Co.,	" "
Isaac Stearns,	" "	" "	" "
John Taggart,	" "	" "	" "
Nathan Tuttle,	" "	" "	" "

Reuben Wheeler,	Cilley's Reg't,	Wait's Co.,	for 3 years.
Asa Wilkins,	Scammel's Reg't,	Frye's Co.,	" "
Robert B. Wilkins,	" "	" "	" "
Sylvester Wilkins,	Cilley's Reg't,	Wait's Co.,	" "
George Wilson,	" "	" "	" "

John Rano was hired by Amherst, but afterward decided to belong to Andover.

Peter Brewer was a colored man, from New Boston.

Jude Hall, another colored man, was from Kensington.

Joshua Blodgett was from Litchfield.

Silas Cooledge and John Taggart, from Hillsborough.

The Cunninghams, from Derryfield.

William Shaddock, from Boscawen.

On the advance of Gen. Burgoyne's army toward Ticonderoga, in the summer of 1777, thousands of volunteers marched from various places in New England, to assist in the defence of that stronghold.

Two companies, under the command of Maj. Abial Abbot, of Wilton, marched 30 June, 1777, for the threatened fortress. On reaching Charlestown (No. 4), they were ordered home, but when they had reached Dublin, on their return, they received orders "to march with all speed to Ticonderoga." When they reached Otter Creek, they heard of its evacuation.

#### AMHERST MEN IN THESE COMPANIES.

In Capt. Peabody's company:

Capt. Stephen Peabody,	Roger Dutton,
Lieut. John Bradford,	Ebenezer Hutchinson,
Ensign John Patterson,	Jonathan Lamson,
Corporal Amos Elliot,	John Lovejoy,
Nathan Cole,	William Low,
Josiah Crosby,	Jonathan Lyon,
Stephen Crosby,	Benjamin Merrill,
William Crosby,	Timothy Nichols, jr.,
Isaac P. Curtice,	Adam Patterson,
Jacob Curtice,	Thomas Peabody,

Abel Prince,  
Josiah Sawyer,  
John Stewart,  
Simpson Stewart,

Benjamin Taylor,  
John Wallace,  
Stephen Washer,  
Jonathan Williams.

In Capt. Nathan Ballard's company:

1st Lieut. Joseph Farnum,  
2d Lieut. Eli Wilkins,  
Sergeant Nathan Hutchinson,  
Moses Averill,  
Samuel Curtice,  
Allen Goodridge,  
Asa Lewis,  
Aaron Nichols,  
Ebenezer Odell,

Moses Peabody,  
Benjamin Sawyer,  
Daniel Smith,  
Samuel Stewart,  
William Stewart,  
William Talbert,  
Henry Trivett,  
Thomas Underwood,  
Solomon Washer.

After the fall of Ticonderoga, an earnest appeal was made by the people of Vermont to the authorities of New Hampshire for aid to resist the progress of the British forces through their state.

The legislature met at Exeter, and in three days organized an expedition to march to their assistance against the common enemy.

Col. John Stark was put at its head, and it resulted in the victory at Bennington, the turning point of the war for Independence.

After organizing this expedition, the legislature appointed the seventh day of August following to be observed as a day of fasting, humiliation, and prayer, throughout the State.

In the battle of Bennington the regiment commanded by Col. Nichols, of Amherst, commenced the attack, and Capt. John Bradford, of the Amherst company, is said to have been the second man who mounted the Hessian breast-work.

The Amherst men engaged in the battle were:

Col. Moses Nichols, commanding a regiment.

Col. Stephen Peabody, aid to Gen. Stark.

John Bradford, captain.

John Mills, 1st lieut.

Joseph Farnum, 2d lieut.

John Patterson, ensign.

Joel Howe,

Nathaniel Hazeltime,

Jonathan Wilkins,

James Gilmore,

Nathan Cole,

Jacob Curtice,

Amos Elliott,

Reuben Boutell,

David Burnam,

Israel Burnam,

Jonathan Burnam,

Stephen Crosby.

William Crosby,  
Isaac Curtis,  
Samuel Curtis,  
Stephen Curtis,  
Roger Dutton,  
Jedidiah Ellinwood,  
John Everdon,  
Laraford Gilbert,  
Allen Goodridge,  
Daniel Green,  
Samuel Harris,  
William Hogg,  
Obadiah Holt,  
Joseph Jewett,  
Caleb Jones,  
Eli Kimball,  
Solomon Kittredge,

Jonathan Lamson,  
Asa Lewis,  
Benjamin Merrill,  
Ebenezer Odell,  
Joshua Pettingill,  
James Ray,  
Benjamin Sawyer,  
Andrew Shannon,  
Benjamin Stearns,  
Samuel Stewart,  
Simpson Stewart,  
Benjamin Taylor,  
Henry Trivett,  
John Wallace,  
Eli Wilkins,  
George Wilson, privates.

In Capt. Ford's company, Nichols's regiment, were

Silas Gould,  
Solomon Hutchinson,

Robert Parker, and  
Eleazer Usher,

Col. Nichols was employed 72 days in this campaign. Capt. Bradford and company 71 days. They received £243 as bounty and advance wages, at the time of their enlistment, and £461, 7s. 9d. as a balance due for their services 18 October, 1777.

Archelaus Towne,  
Archelaus Towne, jr.,

Francis Grimes, and  
William Hogg,

marched and joined the army under Gen. Gates, at Saratoga, in Sept. 1777.

Among the old papers in the office of the Secretary of the State, is the following order for payment of supplies furnished for the Bennington expedition:

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE, April 2, 1779.

*To Nicholas Gilman, Esq., R. G.:*

Pursuant to a vote of Council and Assembly, pay Josiah Crosby and Hezekiah Lovejoy twenty-five pounds, twelve shillings, for camp utensils for Gen. Stark's brigade.

£25, 12s.

M. WEARE, Presid't.



The articles of confederation and perpetual union agreed upon by Congress, 15 November, 1777, were laid before the town at a meeting held 27 January, 1778.

After hearing them read, the town voted "their approval of the articles of confederation and perpetual union."

At the same meeting William Bradford, Oliver Carlton and William Lamson, were appointed a committee to provide the necessaries of life for the families of the non-commissioned officers and soldiers from this town in the army.

By an act of the General Court of New Hampshire, passed 19 November, 1778, seventy-seven persons named in the act, who had left the State, were forbidden to return without leave first had and obtained by special act of the General Court, and should they thereafter be found at any time within the limits of the State without such license, they were to be arrested, and after examination sent to some part of the British dominions, or to some place in the possession of the British forces, at their own expense; or if they were unable to pay the expense they were to be sent at the expense of the State. If they were found within the limits of the State thereafter, they were to be put to death.

Many of the persons thus proscribed had been among the leading men in the province. Gov. John Wentworth, Capt. Robert Rogers, the famous ranger; Benjamin Thompson, afterward Count Rumford; Edward G. Lutwyche, of Merrimack; William and John Stark, brother and nephew of Gen. John Stark, were of the number; also two citizens of Amherst, Zaccheus Cutler, Esq., trader, and John Holland, gentleman.

By another act of the General Court, passed 28 November, 1778, the estates, real and personal, of many of the persons named in the previous act, were declared to be forfeited to the use of the State. Three commissioners were appointed in each county to take possession of such estates and sell the same at auction, and account to the State for the proceeds of the sales. Col. Moses Nichols, of Amherst, James Underwood, Esq., of Litchfield, and Col. Noah Lovewell, of Dunstable, were appointed commissioners for Hillsborough county.

The following advertisement is found in the N. H. Gazette, published at Portsmouth, 12 January, 1779:

#### STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE.

Hillsborough ss. To be sold at public auction, on Tuesday, the twelfth day of January next, at 10 o'clock A. M., at the house lately

occupied by Zaccheus Cutler, Esq., at Amherst, an absentee, all the personal estate of said Cutler.

By order of the General Court,

MOSES NICHOLS, }  
NOAH LOVEWELL, } *Committee.*

Amherst, December 25, 1778.

A brigade of the New Hampshire militia, under the command of Gen. William Whipple, was sent to Rhode Island in the summer of 1778, to assist in an attack upon the British forces stationed there.

Col. Moses Nichols commanded one of the regiments, Lieut.-Col. Stephen Peabody one of the battallions. Capt. John Bradford was adjutant in Col. Nichols's regiment, and Col. Daniel Warner, quartermaster.

The following Amherst men served in Col. Nichols's regiment, in the company commanded by Capt. Josiah Crosby:

Josiah Crosby, captain.	Reuben D. Mussey,
Hezekiah Lovejoy, lieut.	Timothy Nichols, jr..
John Mills,	Ebenezer Odell,
Josiah Crosby, jr., } sergeants.	John Odell,
Allen Goodridge, }	Peter Robinson,
John Cole, } corporals.	Joseph Rollins,
Jonathan Wilkins, }	Jacob Stanley,
John Boutell,	Samuel Stanley,
Enos Bradford,	Jotham Stearns,
John Carlton,	Thomas Stevens,
Daniel Chandler,	William Stewart,
Stephen Crosby,	Benjamin Taylor,
Silas Cummings,	Jonathan Taylor,
James Ellinwood,	William Talbert,
John Everden,	Bartholomew Towne,
Stephen Farnum,	Solomon Washer, privates.
Benjamin Lewis,	

In Capt. Reynolds's company were

Roger Dutton,	James Ray,
Ebenezer Odell,	John Stevens,
Joshua Pettingill,	John Wallace, privates.

In Capt. Dearborn's company were

William Hastings,  
Andrew Burnam,

John Ellsworth.

William Hastings was wounded by a cannon ball, 29 August, 1778, and lost a leg in consequence of the wound. After his return he applied to the General Court for assistance, which was granted, £49. 8s. being allowed him for his expenses at Rhode Island, and his name was placed on the pension-list to receive half pay from 1 January, 1779. He continued to receive a pension from the State and the United States during the remainder of his life.

8 March, 1779. Benjamin Hopkins, jr., William Odell, and James Woodbury, were chosen a committee to provide for the families of the non-commissioned officers and soldiers belonging to this town in the army.

7 June, 1779. The town voted "that they will take a method to raise the soldiers called for to serve in the Continental army."

Voted "that the selectmen prepare and present a petition to the General Court asking for a law to enable the town to make and recover an average of what has been paid as an encouragement to soldiers to go into the service of their country."

29 June, 1779. Voted to add fifty bushels of Indian corn, or its equivalent in currency, to the State and Continental bounties offered each soldier who shall enlist during the war, and the raising of the soldiers on the above encouragement was referred to the commissioned officers (of the militia).

5 August, 1779. Mr. Timothy Smith, Col. Stephen Peabody, and Capt. John Bradford, were appointed a committee to procure the quotas of men which should hereafter be required of the town during the war, and they were instructed, immediately after they had raised the men, which from time to time might be required, to render a true account, upon oath to the selectmen, of the money they had advanced or promised to the men they had hired, and the selectmen,

for the time being, or their successors, were instructed to assess the same upon the inhabitants of the town in the same manner that the state, county, and town taxes were assessed; collect the money as soon as might be, and pay it over to the committee for the payment of the liabilities they had incurred in the said service.

At the same meeting the town voted that they would not allow any thing for the time spent by the volunteers last summer at Rhode Island, in the average for raising soldiers for the Rhode Island and Continental service the present year.

15 September, 1779. Voted to raise twenty thousand dollars for hiring their quotas of men for carrying on the war in the future, and the selectmen were directed to assess the above sum in the common way of assessing, and pay it into the town treasury as it is collected.

Capt. Lovejoy was added to the committee for hiring men for the army, and the committee were authorized to hire such sums of money as might be necessary in case the grant made this day should be insufficient for the purpose required.

6 September, 1779. The town voted to join with the other towns in this State in holding a convention at Concord, on the 22d day of September inst., for the purpose of regulating the prices of produce and merchandise in said State, and chose Col. Moses Nichols and Lieut. Reuben Mussey, delegates to attend said convention.

2 November, 1779. Capt. John Bradford, William Odell, Col. Stephen Peabody, James Woodbury, Jonathan Lund, Dea. John Seaton, Thomas Wakefield, Capt. Hezekiah Lovejoy, Elisha Felton, Dea. Samuel Stevens, and Richard Gould, were appointed a committee to settle the prices of produce and articles of trade for this town.

At a meeting held 2 November, 1779, the town voted to allow credit to those persons who had done more than their proportion in carrying on the present war.

25 June, 1779, a petition from Susannah Munroe, of Amherst, was presented to the House of Representatives, asking that the sum of £560, allowed her husband, Capt. Jonah Munroe, for the depreciation of the paper currency, might be paid to her as her husband was absent and she needed the money for the support of herself and family, which request was granted, and the President was directed to issue an order for the payment of the money to Capt. Josiah Crosby for her use, 15 June, 1779.

Capt. Archelaus Towne, of Amherst, presented a petition to the House of Representatives, in which he stated that he and his son, Archelaus Towne, jr., did, on the 24th day of July, 1777, "set out from Amherst, and marched and joined the Continental army, commanded by Gen. Gates; served as scouts, and did duty as other soldiers; were in the battle on the 19th of September, near Stillwater, and continued in the service until about four days before Gen. Burgoyne surrendered, when, being taken very sick, he was obliged to return home; that neither himself nor his son had received any recompense for their services from any person whatever; wherefore he prayed that the same allowance might be made to himself and his son that others had received for similar services."

To substantiate the statement of Capt. Towne, Lt. Robert B. Wilkins testified that he "saw Capt. Archelaus Towne, of Amherst, in the front of the battle, on the 19th of Sept., 1777, at Bemis's Heights, and spake with him in the height of the battle; that he saw his son Archelaus the next day, who told him he was in the battle, which he believed, although he did not see him there. They were both volunteers."

Dr. John Hale, surgeon in Cilley's regiment, certified that he saw Capt. Towne and his son just before the battle with Burgoyne, and Capt. Towne told him that he and his son came up as volunteers, and he judged they were both in the battle on the 19th of September, 1777.

Nine men were furnished for the Continental army in 1779, to serve one year, as follows:

Samuel Clark,	enlisted 14 July, 1779; discharged, 20 Aug., 1780.
Charles Davenport,	" " " " " " " "
Calvin Honey,	" 7 Aug., " " 7 " "
Abraham Littlehale,	" 24 July, " " 24 July, "
John McKean,	" 20 " " " 20 June, "
Joseph Perkins,	" 13 " " " " " "
Joseph Rawlins,	" 14 Aug., " " 20 Aug., "
Archelaus Towne,	" 21 July, " died 1 Dec., 1779.
Joseph Wilson,	" 27 July, " discharged 20 June, 1780.

## JOSEPH WILSON'S RECEIPT.

Received of John Bradford and others the sum of six pounds, thirteen shillings, and four-pence, L. M., after the rate of Indian corn at three shillings and six-pence a bushel, for which sum I promise to serve one year in the Continental army.

JOSEPH WILSON.

## SOLDIERS AT RHODE ISLAND, 1779.

Col. Hercules Mooney commanded a regiment sent to Rhode Island from this State in the spring of 1779, to assist the army stationed there. The following Amherst men served in this regiment, in the company commanded by Capt. Daniel Emerson, of Hollis:

Moses Barron, ensign.	Alpheus Crosby,
Moses Averill, drummer.	John Odell, and
John Carlton,	Levi Woodbury.

In September of this year Capt. Hezekiah Lovejoy and Joseph Nichols enlisted for six months in the garrison at Portsmouth.

## CHAPTER XIX.

## THE WAR FOR INDEPENDENCE.

1780-1785.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE TOWN.—CONTINENTAL SOLDIERS, 1780.—NICHOLS'S REGIMENT AT WEST POINT.—SOLDIERS FURNISHED, 1781.—CONTINENTAL AND OTHER SOLDIERS, 1782.—AMHERST MEN WHO SERVED FOR OTHER TOWNS.—AMHERST MEN WHO SERVED IN THE PRIVATEER SERVICE.—PROCEEDINGS OF THE TOWN.—PROCLAMATION FOR THANKSGIVING.—BOUNTIES, ETC., PAID SOLDIERS.—LIST OF SOLDIERS AND SAILORS.—LIST OF SOLDIERS WHO DIED OR WERE KILLED IN THE SERVICE.—MEETING OF REVOLUTIONARY SOLDIERS, 4 JULY, 1820, ETC.

At a meeting held 20 March, 1780, Kendal Boutell, James Hartshorn, and Enos Bradford, were appointed a committee to provide for the families of the non-commissioned officers and privates in the Continental army belonging to this town.

A number of men being called for to fill the battalions in the Continental army, at a meeting held 27 June, 1780, the town voted to instruct and empower their committee to engage the men that they shall hire to go into the army on the same standard that the General Court has stated: namely, their wages, Indian corn at 4s. per bushel, grass fed beef at 4d. per lb., and sole leather at 1s. 6d. per lb.

Eleven men were furnished for the Continental army this year.

Peter Abbot, enlisted 8 July,	discharged 6 Dec., 1780.
Robert Campbell, "	" 21 "
Alpheus Crosby, "	" 6 "
Stephen Crosby, "	" 4 "
Isaac Curtice, "	" 4 "
Jacob Doyen, 29 June,	" 31 "
Obadiah Holt, 8 July,	" 18 "
Jacob Stanley, "	" 18 "
Jotham Stearns, "	" 6 "
Binsley Stevens, 29 June,	" 21 "
Jesse Woodbury, 8 July,	" 6 "

A regiment under the command of Col. Moses Nichols served three months at West Point, in the Autumn of 1780. Dr. Henry Codman was Surgeon. In the company commanded by Capt. William Barron, of Merrimack, we find the following Amherst men :

Daniel Averill,	Joseph Nichols,
Nahum Baldwin, jr.,	Benjamin Stearns,
Andrew Bradford,	William Tolbert,
Daniel Kenny,	William Wallace (fifer),
Henry Kimball,	Daniel Weston.
David Melvin,	

William Brown served in another company.

Seventy-four men, including those then in the field, being called for to serve three years, or during the war, the town, at a meeting held 8 Feb., 1781, appointed Capt. Nathan Hutchinson, Capt. Israel Towne, and Amos Flint, a committee to raise the men required.

Capt. Hezekiah Lovejoy, Thomas Wakefield, Daniel Campbell, Benjamin Davis, Eli Wilkins, and Lieut. Ebenezer Weston, were subsequently added to the committee, who were authorized to hire money to procure the men needed.

At a meeting held 13 April, 1781, the sum of forty thousand dollars was appropriated to fill the town's quota this year.

Another requisition for soldiers being made, the town, at a meeting held 18 July, 1781,



Voted that the committee hire the soldiers to fill the town's quota. At this meeting, Capt. Hutchinson, Capt. Towne, and Mr. Wakefield, members of the committee, resigned.

The selectmen were directed to give security in hard money for the beef they had purchased for the army, or in money equivalent thereto.

9 October, 1781. The town voted that one dollar in hard money should be equivalent to one hundred dollars in old Continental money, in payment of taxes due for 1781, and that all taxes due that were assessed before 1781 should be paid equal to the scale of depreciation.

In arranging the pay of the soldiers hired this year, it was agreed by the committee that each man should be entitled to the value of twenty neat cattle, as many months old as he served months in the army. This seems to have been paid as a bounty for enlisting, in addition to the pay he received for his services. Minutes of settlement with some of these soldiers are preserved in the town records.

The families of William Brown, James Cochran, Richard Hughes, Farrar Miller, Nathan Tuttle, and Joseph Wilson, soldiers in the continental army, were assisted by the town this year.

John Abbot Goss,  
Francis Lovejoy,  
Joseph Lovejoy,

Joseph Pedrick, and  
Daniel Wilkins, 3d,

were mustered in 5 March, 1781, to fill the quota of three years' men required of the town at that time.

In July, 1781, nine men were required to serve six months, and the requisition was filled by

Nahum Baldwin, jr.,  
Ebenezer Curtice,  
David Hildreth,  
Caleb Hunt,

Henry Hunt,  
Michael Kieff,  
Joseph Nichols,  
Allen Stewart,

and William Cowen ; but there is no record that he joined the army until December following, when he enlisted for three years.

Late in the summer of 1781 eleven men were called for to serve three months. They marched 23 September of that year. In the selectmen's account they are mentioned as "11 soldiers at Charlestown, 1781," and were probably raised in apprehension of trouble on the western and northern frontiers of the state. Their names were—

Peter Abbot,	Edward Hartshorn,
Daniel Averill,	Joshua Heywood,
Elijah Averill,	Samuel Phelps,
George Christopher,	Peter Wakefield, and
Paul Crosby,	Daniel Weston,
John Fields,	

and they served in a company commanded by Capt. John Mills.

Among the papers in the Adjutant-General's office, in Concord, is the following account of beef and fat cattle collected in the town of Amherst by Francis Blood, in the year 1781, for the army :

23 July, 2 cattle weighing	1250 lbs.
7 Aug., 6     "     "	3140   "
22 Aug., 4     "     "	2775   "
9 Oct., 7     "     "	4355   "
19 Nov., 9     "     "	4485   "
Beef furnished by Nichols,	8560   "
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Total,	24,565 lbs.

Being the amount the town was required to furnish.

In 1782 fourteen three years' men were required to fill the town's quota in the Continental army, and the following men were furnished :

James Auld,	Adam Patterson,
Andrew Bradford,	John Peabody,
Enoch Carlton,	Thomas Peabody,
Ephraim Goss,	Alexander Runnels,
Peter Goss,	Benjamin Tuck,
Henry Handley,	Daniel Weston, and
William Heywood,	John Grout.

Peter Abbott [fifer], Moses Pettengill, and James McKean, privates, enlisted in a company commanded by Capt. Ebenezer Webster, which

was raised for the protection of the northern frontiers of the State in 1782.

Stephen Dike, of Amherst, served six months for New Boston, in 1781.

David Truel, jr., served six months for Merrimack, in 1781; and William Henry Wilkins, son of the minister, enlisted to serve three years for Candia, in June, 1777, but died at Yellow Springs, Pa., 22 June, 1778.

Luther Dana served in the navy a short time, near the close of the war.

Capt. Joseph Perkins served on board a privateer vessel, which was taken by the British, and he was carried a prisoner of war to England, where he was confined for some time.

Levi Woodbury served on the privateer Essex, which was taken, and he was carried to England, a prisoner of war, where he died.

Jonathan Wilkins served on the ship Hague, and was wounded in an action with a British vessel.

At a meeting held 18 March, 1782, the town voted to grant supplies of the necessities of life to the families of those soldiers who enlisted into the army last spring, for three years, provided the cost of such supplies may be entered as pay on the obligations given said soldiers by the committee.

At this meeting the following petition was laid before the town:

*To the town of Amherst, convened at the Court House in said Amherst, on the 18th of March, by adjournment:*

GENTLEMEN:—You may remember that I, your petitioner, did engage in the public service of the United States, to serve as a soldier for this town for the term of three years, which time I served faithfully, and then engaged to serve in the Continental Army during the war, and I have not received any bounty from this town, or any other; and as this is the town I first went for, and my family living in it, I shall choose to go for this town still. Wherefore your petitioner prays you would take his case under your consideration, and give him such

a bounty as others have received in like circumstances, and your Petitioner, as in duty bound, will ever pray.

his

WILLIAM X BROWN.

mark.

In answer to the above petition the town voted to allow the petitioner one hundred dollars, hard money, on the same considerations that the three years' soldiers were hired in 1781.

11 April, 1782. More soldiers having been called for to fill the town's quota, the town voted to add Lieut. Darius Abbot, Robert Means, William Lampson, Samuel Dodge, Capt. William Dana, and Capt. Ephraim Hildreth, to the committee to hire soldiers.

29 October, 1782. The sum of thirty pounds was granted for the support of the families of Joseph Lovejoy and Daniel Wilkins, jr., the same to be indorsed on the securities given them by the town's committee for hiring soldiers.

Voted not to give up their claim to William Cowen, as a Continental soldier, to the town of Merrimack.

23 December, 1782. Voted to return the bounties of the three years' soldiers which were retained from the wages, provided the soldiers shall make it appear that they performed three years' service for this town.

4 February, 1783. The town again voted not to give up their claim to William Cowen as a Continental soldier.

20 October, 1783. Dea. Samuel Wilkins, Mr. Solomon Kittredge, and Mr. Daniel Campbell, were appointed a committee to agree and settle with Joseph Lovejoy and the other soldiers that the committee agreed to pay in young cattle for going into the army for three years.

The war had now closed. The great miracle of the eighteenth century had been wrought, and the people of the United States were appropriately called upon to give thanks to the Supreme Ruler of all human events by the following Proclamation :

By the United States in Congress assembled.

#### A PROCLAMATION.

Whereas it hath pleased the Supreme Ruler of all human events to dispose the hearts of the late belligerent Powers to put a period to the effusion of human blood by proclaiming a cessation of all hostilities by sea and land, and these United States are not only rescued from the dangers and calamities to which they have been so long exposed, but their freedom, sovereignty and Independence ultimately acknowledged: And whereas in the progress of a contest on which the most essential rights of human nature depended, the interposition of Divine Providence in our favor hath been most abundantly & most graciously manifested, and the citizens of these United States have every reason for praise & gratitude to the God of their salvation:—Impressed therefore with an exalted sense of the blessings by which we are surrounded, & of our entire dependence on that Almighty Being from whose goodness & bounty they are derived;—The United States in Congress Assembled, do recommend it to the several States to set apart the Second Thursday in December next as a day of public Thanksgiving, that all the People may then Assemble to celebrate with grateful hearts & united voices, the praises of their Supreme & all bountiful Benefactor, for his numberless favours and mercies;—that he hath been pleased to conduct us in safety through all the perils and vicissitudes of the war; that he hath given us unanimity and resolution to adhere to our just rights; that he hath raised up a powerful ally to assist us in supporting them, & hath so far crowned our united efforts with success; that in the course of the present year hostilities have ceased & we are left in the undisputed possession of our liberties & Independence, and of the fruits of our lands, & in the free participation of the treasures of the sea; that he hath prospered the labour of our Husbandmen with plentiful Harvests; and above all that he hath been pleased to continue to us the light of the blessed Gospel & secured to us, in the fullest extent, the rights of conscience in faith and worship: And while our hearts overflow with gratitude & our lips set forth the praises of our Great Creator, that we also offer up our fervent supplications, that it may please Him to pardon all our offences, to give wisdom and unanimity to our public councils, to cement all our citizens in the bonds of affection & to inspire them with an earnest regard for the national honor and interest; to enable them to improve the days of prosperity by every good work, and to be lovers of peace & tranquillity; that he may be pleased to bless us in our husbandry, our commerce and Navigation; to smile upon our

seminaries & means of education; to cause pure religion and virtue to flourish; to give peace to all Nations & to fill the world with his glory.

Done by the United States in Congress Assembled. Witness his Excellency Elias Boudinot our President, this eighteenth day of October in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred & eighty-three, & of the Sovereignty and Independence of the United States of America the eighth.

ELIAS BOUDINOT.

Cha's. Thomson, Sec'y.

24 November, 1783. A convention of delegates from some of the towns in the State had recently met to consider certain grievances, and petition to the General Court for their redress, after which they adjourned to the last Tuesday of this month, and a copy of their proceedings being laid before the town, with a request that they would appoint delegates to meet with them at their adjourned meeting, Ensign William Peabody and John Eaton were appointed delegates for that purpose.

7 September, 1784. Thomas Burns, Joshua Atherton, Esq., and Maj. Blanchard, were appointed a committee to settle with Capt. Josiah Munroe (if a reasonable settlement can be obtained), for a claim he says he has to a sum of money he paid to John Grout, in consequence of a special agreement made with him by the town's committee for hiring soldiers, and if a reasonable settlement can not be obtained, to defend the town against any action he may bring against it.

13 April, 1785. The town of Merrimack having been served with an extent for one deficient soldier in the Continental army, which soldier they say was wrongfully credited to Amherst, served a notice upon the selectmen of Amherst to show cause, if any they had, why the extent should not issue against Amherst rather than Merrimack. The town chose Maj. Blanchard, Mr. Atherton, and Samuel Dana, Esq., to be assisted by Mr. Robert Means, their representative, a

committee to show cause why the petition of Merrimack should not be granted.

28 April, 1785. The town granted fifty dollars to Stephen Abbot for one year's service in the Continental army.

12 October, 1785. Voted nine pounds to Daniel Kidder for one year's service in the army, for which he had not been paid.

#### BOUNTIES.

Bounties paid soldiers in the war for Independence by the town of Amherst, which were repaid by the State.

4 Sept., 1776.	Paid 15 men in Wyman's regiment,	£150
5 " " "	22 " Baldwin's "	132
7 May, 1777.	" 27 Continental soldiers,	839, 13s. 10d.
19 July, 1777.	" 55 men in Stark's brigade, 2 mo.,	220
11 " 1779.	" 9 Continental soldiers, beside,	
	£6, 13s. 4d., good money,	215 2s. 9d.
21 " 1780.	" 12 men in Nichols's reg't, 3 mo.,	72
31 " 1781.	" 9 Continental soldiers, new levies,	
	6 months,	108
15 " " "	" 5 Continental soldiers, 3 years,	360
17 " 1782.	" 14 Continental soldiers, 3 years,	1008

£3206, 16s. 7d.

Bounties, etc. paid by the town that were not repaid by the State, or the United States, as reported by the selectmen 9 September, 1791.

Paid Col. Nichols's regiment, at West Point,	£180
An average made in 1777, for soldiers that had served,	480
Soldiers that served in Capt. Walker's Co., Gilman's reg't, 1776,	39
Soldiers in Col. Peabody's regiment, at Rhode Island,	105
Soldiers in Col. Baldwin's regiment, at New York, 1776,	72
10 Continental soldiers, from 1781, 3 years' men,	600
20 soldiers in Capt. Barron's Co., Wyman's reg't, 1776,	200
11 " served at Charlestown, 1781,	132
9 " 1781, new levies, six months' men,	270
11 " 1780, " " " " " "	330
5 " at Coos, 1780, Capt. Stone's company,	150

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Paid 9 soldiers in Col. Mooney's regiment,	£108
13 " from 1783, 3 years' men,	845
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**LIST OF SOLDIERS.**

Alphabetical list of soldiers and sailors from Amherst,  
in the war for Independence.

Joshua Abbot,	Joshua Burnam,
Nathan Abbot,	Robert Campbell,
Nathaniel Abbot,	Ebenezer Carlton,
Peter Abbot,	Enoch Carlton,
Stephen Abbot.	John Carlton,
James Aild,	David Chandler,
Daniel Averill,	Primus Chandler,
David Averill,	George Christopher,
Elijah Averill.	Benjamin Clark,
John Averill,	James Clark,
Moses Averill,	Samuel Clark,
Nahum Baldwin,	Thomas Clark,
Nahum Baldwin, jr.,	James Cochran,
Nathaniel Barrett,	John Cochran,
Moses Barron,	Jonathan Cochran,
Jacob Blodgett,	Robert Cochran,
Joshua Blodgett.	Henry Codman.
Aaron Boutell,	John Cole.
Amos Boutell,	John Cole, 2d.
Joseph Boutell, jr.,	Nathan Cole,
Reuben Boutell,	William Cook,
Thomas Boutell,	Silas Cooledge,
Richard Boynton,	William Cowen.
Andrew Bradford,	Alpheus Crosby.
Enos Bradford,	Ezekiel Crosby,
John Bradford,	Josiah Crosby,
Joseph Bradford,	Josiah Crosby, jr.,
William Bradford, jr.,	Nathaniel Crosby,
Peter Brewer,	Paul Crosby,
Alexander Brown,	Stephen Crosby,
William Brown,	William Crosby,
David Burnam,	Silas Cummings,
Israel Burnam,	Robert Cunningham,
Jonathan Burnam,	Robert Cunningham, jr.,



Ebenezer Curtice,	Daniel Green,
Isaac Palmer Curtice,	Francis Grimes,
Jacob Curtice,	John Grimes,
Lemuel Curtice,	John Grout,
Stephen Curtice,	Jude Hall,
Luther Dana,	Henry Handley,
Charles Davenport,	Henry Harris,
Benjamin Davis,	Samuel Harris,
Ezekiel Davis,	Edward Hartshorn,
Joseph Davis,	James Hartshorn, jr.,
Benjamin Dike,	John Hartshorn,
Stephen Dike,	Nathaniel Hazeltine,
John Door,	Joshua Haywood,
Jacob Doyen,	William Haywood,
John Dutton,	Stephen Hill,
Jonathan Dutton,	David Hildreth,
Roger Dutton,	William Hogg,
James Ellinwood,	Abiel Holt,
Jedidiah Ellinwood,	Jabez Holt,
Joseph Ellinwood,	Obadiah Holt,
Amos Elliot,	Calvin Honey,
Andrew Elliot,	Joel Howe,
John Ellsworth,	Richard Hughes,
John Everden,	Caleb Hunt,
Asa Farnum,	Henry Hunt,
John Farnum,	Ebenezer Hutchinson,
Joseph Farnum,	Nathan Hutchinson,
Stephen Farnum,	Solomon Hutchinson,
John Fields,	Joseph Jewett,
David Fiske,	Caleb Jones,
Thaddeus Fitch,	William Jones,
Amos Flint,	Joshua Kendall,
Ephraim French,	Nathan Kendall, jr.,
Laraford Gilbert,	Archelaus Kenney,
Thomas Giles,	Daniel Kenney,
James Gilmore,	Michael Keef,
Richard Goodman,	Daniel Kidder,
Allen Goodridge,	Eli Kimball,
Ephraim Goss,	Henry Kimball,
John Abbot Goss,	Eleazer W. Kingsbury,
Peter Goss,	Solomon Kittredge,
Silas Gould,	Zepheniah Kittredge,
Stephen Gould,	William Lakin,

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Stephen Peabody,  
Thomas Peabody,  
Joseph Pedrick,  
Moses Pearson,  
Joseph Perkins, jr.,  
Joshua Pettingill,  
Moses Pettingill,  
Samuel Phelps,  
Thomas Powell,  
Abel Prince,  
David Ramsay,  
Ebenezer Ray,  
James Ray,  
William Read,  
Peter Robertson,  
Samuel Robertson,  
Joseph Rollings,  
Alexander Runnels,  
Benjamin Sawyer,  
Josiah Sawyer,  
Nourse Sawyer,  
Robert Scammell,  
Thomas Scott,  
William Shaddock,  
Samuel Shepard,  
Andrew Shannon,  
James Simpson,  
Jonathan Small,  
William Small, jr.,  
Benjamin Smith,  
Daniel Smith,  
Isaac Smith,  
Jacob Stanley,  
Samuel Stanley,  
Benjamin Stearns,  
Isaac Stearns,  
John Stearns,  
Jotham Stearns,  
Samuel Stearns,  
Bimsley Stevens,

Thomas Stevens,	Peter Wakefield,
Allen Stewart,	William Wakefield,
John Stewart,	John Wallace,
Samuel Stewart,	Joseph Wallace,
Simpson Stewart,	Daniel Warner,
William Stewart,	Solomon Washer,
Asa Swinnerton,	Stephen Washer,
John Taggart,	Daniel Weston,
Benjamin Taylor,	Isaac Weston,
Benjamin Taylor, 2d.	Sutherick Weston,
John Taylor,	Reuben Wheeler,
Jonathan Taylor,	John Wiley,
Hugh Thornton,	Andrew Wilkins,
William Talbert,	Asa Wilkins,
Archelaus Towne,	Daniel Wilkins, jr.,
Archelaus Towne, jr.,	Daniel Wilkins, 3d,
Bartholomew Towne,	Eli Wilkins,
Jonathan Towne,	Jonathan Wilkins,
Richard Towne,	Robert B. Wilkins,
Rufus Trask,	Sylvester Wilkins,
Henry Trivett,	William Henry Wilkins,
David Truel, jr.,	Ebenezer Williams,
Benjamin Tuck,	Samuel Williams,
William Tuck,	George Wilson,
Nathan Tuttle,	Joseph Wilson,
Thomas Underwood,	Lemuel Winchester,
Aaron Upton,	Jesse Woodbury,
Eleazer Usher,	Levi Woodbury,
Ebenezer Wakefield,	Eben Wincol Wright,
Joseph Wakefield,	Isaac Wright.

SOLDIERS FROM AMHERST WHO DIED IN THE WAR FOR  
INDEPENDENCE.

Lt. Joseph Bradford, at Medford, July, 1775.  
 Peter Brewer, killed in battle at Saratoga, 7 Oct., 1777.  
 Primus Chandler, killed by the Indians, May, 1776.  
 James Clark, at Mount Independence, July, 1776.  
 Jonathan Cochran, came home sick; died at home, 24 March, 1777  
 Robert Cochran, died of disease, time and place not known.  
 John Cole, killed in battle at Bunker Hill, 17 June, 1775.  
 Ezekiel Davis, in central New York, 16 June, 1779.  
 Joseph Davis, killed by the Indians in New York, 18 Aug., 1779.  
 Benjamin Dike, killed in battle at Saratoga, 7 Oct., 1777.  
 John Door, killed in battle at Saratoga, 7 Oct., 1777.

Richard Goodman, at Yellow Springs, Pa., 27 June, 1778.  
 Calvin Honey, place not known, 15 Dec., 1781.  
 William Jones, at Crown Point, July, 1776.  
 Jeremiah Lamson, at Fort George, N. Y., Aug., 1776.  
 Asa Lewis, killed in battle at Bennington, 16 Aug., 1777.  
 James McGraw, killed in battle at Bunker Hill, 17 June, 1775.  
 David Ramsey (brought home sick), died 2 Dec., 1775.  
 Nourse Sawyer, at Crown Point, July, 1776.  
 William Shaddock, place not known, died 30 June, 1777.  
 Isaac Stearns, at Crown Point, July, 1776.  
 Capt. Benjamin Taylor, at Medford, Mass., Feb., 1776.  
 Capt. Archelaus Towne, at Fishkill, N. Y., Nov., 1779.  
 Jonathan Towne, at Crown Point, July, 1776.  
 William Tuck, died of disease, time and place not known.  
 Aaron Upton, at Worcester, Mass., Dec., 1776.  
 Daniel Weare, at Crown Point, July, 1776.  
 Capt. Daniel Wilkins, jr., at Crown Point, July, 1776.  
 Sylvester Wilkins, at Easton, Pa., 20 Sept., 1779.  
 William Henry Wilkins, at Yellow Springs, Pa., 22 June, 1778.  
 Levi Woodbury, a prisoner of war in England; date not known.  
 Eben Wincol Wright, at Winter Hill, Nov., 1775.

MEETING OF REVOLUTIONARY SOLDIERS, AT AMHERST,  
 4 JULY, 1820.

We find the following account of this meeting in the *Farmers' Cabinet*:

"A special session of the Court of Common Pleas was held in this town, 4 July, 1820, to receive the applications of the surviving officers and soldiers of the Revolution, for pensions under the law then recently passed by Congress.

About one hundred and forty of the veterans appeared, some of them pinched with poverty and worn out with the labors of life; others were bowed to the earth with age and infirmities, and their claims to the nation's gratitude seemed to be stamped upon their wasted forms.

Many who had been companions in camp met, whose faces the furrows left by time had so greatly altered that they did not recognize one another, and, after their acquaintance was renewed, spent the time during the session of the court, in rehearsing their adventures during the times that tried men's souls.

At twelve o'clock they assembled on the common, at the roll of the drum, and formed a line of about one hundred persons, the one on the

right ninety-nine years old, marching with the precision of a man of fifty years.

Capt. Zaccheus Wilson, of New Ipswich, acted as commander. After marching round the common, to the music of the fife and drum, played by some of their number, they arrived at the residence of Hon. Clifton Claggett, where they halted, and sent a committee of their number to request his attendance.

On his appearance Mr. Nathaniel Martin, in behalf of himself and his fellow-soldiers, thanked the Judge for his efforts in Congress to secure the pittance which had finally been awarded to them.

To this address Judge Claggett made an appropriate reply, and concluded by inviting them to partake of some refreshments he had caused to be prepared for them.

At the conclusion of the repast the veterans retired, the forty-fourth anniversary of the Declaration of Independence having been to them truly a red-letter day."

About seventy of the surviving soldiers of the Revolution met in this place, 18 Nov., 1825, for the purpose of petitioning Congress to grant them some further compensation for their services in the war of Independence.

Thirty-four Revolutionary soldiers attended the celebration of the Declaration of Independence at Nashua, 4 July, 1835. Of these, Joseph Crosby, aged 82, Hugh Moore, aged 69, and Ephraim Goss, aged 69, were from Amherst.

Pensions were finally granted to the surviving widows of Revolutionary soldiers, and the following is a list of the persons returned in the census of 1840, residing in Amherst, who were at that time receiving pensions for services rendered by themselves or others, in the war of the Revolution, with the age of each:

Mrs. Hannah Bills, 73 years; for her husband, Ebenezer Bills.

Joseph Crosby, 87.

Benjamin Damon, 79.

David Fisk, 83.

Ephraim Goss, 74.

Mary Howard, 72.

Nathan Kendall, 85.

Mrs. Mary Leavitt, 75; for her husband, Joseph Leavitt.

Thomas Melendy, 91.

John Purple, 97.

## CHAPTER XX.

## FRONTIER WAR, 1794.

## ANTICIPATED WAR WITH FRANCE, 1798.

## WAR WITH GREAT BRITAIN, 1812.

PROVISION MADE BY CONGRESS FOR THE DEFENCE OF THE COUNTRY, 1794.—ACTION OF THE TOWN IN REGARD TO FILLING THE QUOTA OF SOLDIERS CALLED FOR.—A RECRUITING OFFICE OPENED IN 1798.—BOUNTY OFFERED TO VOLUNTEERS.—THE WAR WITH GREAT BRITAIN, 1812–15.—SOLDIERS FROM AMHERST.—MILITIA MEN AT PORTSMOUTH, 1814.—OFFICERS OF THE HOME GUARDS, OCTOBER, 1814.

In view of the unsettled state of affairs at home and abroad, an act was passed by Congress, in April, 1794, providing for the raising of a regiment of artillery, and for detaching 80,000 men from the militia, in case their services were required for the defence of the country.

In the warrant for a town meeting, 8 Dec. 1794, is found the following article:

“Whereas there is a certain number of men requested from the town of Amherst, to be enlisted and in readiness to march at a moment's notice, in the defence of their country, if needed. And as the encouragement given by Congress is thought by some to be insufficient for the purpose, therefore to see if the town will make any addition thereto, or grant them such a bounty as may be sufficient for the purpose.”

On this the town voted to make up to the soldiers who enlisted as minute men, seven dollars per month, with the pay given by Congress, while they were in actual service, and two dollars as a bounty, one of which should be paid

when they enlisted, and the other when they passed muster.

A probable war with Great Britain, the "whiskey insurrection" in western Pennsylvania, and the war then raging in Ohio with the western Indians, were the causes of these warlike preparations.

Happily these troubles were all soon adjusted, and the services of the volunteers were not called for. No record now remains of their names.

Volunteers were called for to serve in the anticipated war with France, in 1798, and the town, at a meeting 26 March of that year, voted to give such soldiers as enlisted, in this town's quota of eighty thousand men, one dollar each when they enlisted, and to make up their wages to ten dollars per month while they were in actual service.

A recruiting office was opened here 15 August, 1798, and the company enlisted in this and the adjoining towns formed a part of the sixteenth regiment, of which Rufus Graves was colonel. The difficulties with France were settled by negotiation, and the services of the volunteers were not required. The record of their names can not now be given.

#### THE WAR WITH GREAT BRITAIN, 1812-1815.

The long series of outrages against the citizens and government of the United States, committed by the agents of the British government; the insults to the national flag and the national ships; the seizure and impressment of American citizens into the British navy; the seizure and condemnation of American merchant vessels; the encouragement secretly or openly given the savage tribes in the west in their attacks upon the settlers on the American frontiers, led to the enactment of laws, by the Congress of the United States, for the preservation of the peace between the countries, and these failing of the desired effect, to the Declaration reluctantly passed by Congress, 18 June, 1812, that "War exists

between the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, and the dependencies thereof, and the United States and their territories."

The record of the enlistments in the regular army for the war of 1812 are in the possession of the War Department, at Washington, and not accessible to the public. The names of some who enlisted from Amherst are, however, remembered.

Capt. Turner Crooker, at that time a resident in this town, opened a recruiting office on the Plain, 26 Sept., 1812. He was at that time a captain of the 9th regiment U. S. infantry. After the close of the war he was retained on the peace establishment, with the brevet rank of major.

John Dodge, jr., enlisted and returned at the close of his term of service. He afterward removed to Vermont.

John Dutton enlisted and served on the northern frontier.

Samuel Dutton served on the northern frontier.

Timothy Dutton also served on the northern frontier. He died at French's Mills in 1813.

David Hartshorn served one year on the northern frontier.

Joseph Hartshorn served one year in Vermont and New York, in the 29th infantry. He is now (1882) living, the last survivor, so far as known, of the Amherst men who served in the war of 1812.

Joseph Low was 2d lieutenant in the 1st regiment N. H. Vols. On the reorganization of the regiment he was appointed paymaster of the 45th regiment U. S. Vols.

Peter Melendy enlisted in 1813, served a short time in northern Vermont, as lieutenant in a regiment of infantry. This commission he resigned, and was shortly after appointed a lieutenant in the artillery service, and ordered to Fort Constitution, where he remained until near the time of his death, 15 May, 1823.



Jacob Pike had enlisted in 1809, and served through the war.

John Purple served through the war as a drummer.

Robert Purple, his brother, enlisted and died in the service.

John Stewart, and his son John Stewart, jr., also enlisted. The latter served as a drummer-boy.

John Warner was sergeant in a company of infantry, and died at Sackett's Harbor in 1814. He was son of Colonel Daniel Warner.

Others doubtless enlisted in the regular army, of whom we have at present no account.

At a meeting, 11 Oct., 1814, the town voted to raise two hundred dollars to be appropriated for ammunition for the militia, and other inhabitants of the town of Amherst, and the selectmen were constituted a committee to purchase the same.

7 Sept., 1814, detachments from twenty-three regiments of the state militia were ordered to hold themselves in readiness to march for the defence of Portsmouth, then threatened with an attack from a British fleet, cruising near by, and on the ninth they were ordered to march. The quota furnished by the town of Amherst was a part of the regiment commanded by Col. Nat Fisk, of Westmoreland and, consisted of

Josiah Converse, captain.  
 Samuel Leonard, }  
 Luther Elliott, } sergeants.  
 Stephen B. French, }  
 Joseph Hartshorn, } corporals.  
 David Elliott,  
 David Fisk, 3d,

Daniel Gilman,  
 Jonathan Howard,  
 Benjamin Jewell, jr.,  
 John M. Kuhn,  
 Samuel M. Livingston,  
 Benjamin Peak, jr., privates.

They were mustered into service 16 Sept., 1814, and served three months.

Another detachment of the militia was drafted for the defence of Portsmouth, which was mustered in, 27 Sept., 1814, and served sixty days. The following soldiers from

Amherst served in Col. Steel's regiment, in the company commanded by Capt. James T. Treavitt, of Mont Vernon:

Robert Read, lieutenant.	Israel Farnum,
Leonard T. Nichols,	James H. Grater,
Samuel Stevens,	Timothy Hartshorn,
John Annis,	Mansfield King, privates.
Samuel Converse, jr.,	

About fifty citizens of the town, who were exempted from the performance of military duty, by the militia law, met at the house of Capt. Theophilus Page, 10 Oct., 1814, and formed a company of "Home Guards." The officers of this organization were

Jedediah K. Smith, captain.	John Secombe, 2d lieutenant.
Timothy Danforth, 1st lieutenant.	

A committee was chosen at this meeting to draft regulations for the government of the company, who reported at a subsequent meeting, and the company met several times for drill. The close of the war, shortly after, obviated the necessity for the continuance of the organization, and the company was disbanded.

The war was brought to a close by a treaty signed at Ghent by the representatives of the contending powers, 23 Dec., 1814. Before the news of its conclusion had reached this country, the battle of New Orleans was fought, 8 Jan., 1815, where the lesson taught the British regulars, nearly fifty years before, by the descendants of the Massachusetts Puritans, and Scotch-Irish settlers, of Londonderry, from the fort and behind the rail fence, on Bunker Hill, was repeated by the Kentucky riflemen from behind the cotton bales on the field of Chalmette.

## CHAPTER XXI.

## THE CIVIL WAR, 1861-1865.

PROCEEDINGS IN THE SOUTHERN STATES SUBSEQUENT TO THE ELECTION OF MR. LINCOLN.—THE CAPTURE OF FORT SUMTER.—MEETING OF THE CITIZENS OF AMHERST AND ITS PROCEEDINGS.—A SOLDIERS' AID AND HOME RELIEF SOCIETY FORMED.—NAMES OF YOUNG MEN WHO FIRST ENLISTED FOR SERVICE.—PROCEEDINGS OF THE TOWN.—A COMMITTEE APPOINTED TO FURNISH ASSISTANCE TO THE FAMILIES OF SOLDIERS.—THE SELECTMEN DIRECTED TO ASSIST THE FAMILIES OF SOLDIERS.—BOUNTIES OFFERED VOLUNTEERS.—MILITARY EXPENSES OF THE TOWN DURING THE WAR.—PROCEEDINGS IN REGARD TO BUILDING A SOLDIERS' MONUMENT.—INSCRIPTION UPON THE MONUMENT.—NAMES OF SOLDIERS AND SAILORS FROM AMHERST WHO WERE ENGAGED IN THE WAR.—NAMES OF VETERANS WHO RE-ENLISTED.—NAMES OF SUBSTITUTES.

The election of Mr. Lincoln to the presidency was followed by the formal secession of several of the Southern States from the Union, and the withdrawal of their senators and most of their representatives from the National Congress.

President Buchanan, a state's rights man, "knew of no power in the General Government to coerce a sovereign State," and took no effectual measures to protect the national property in the seceding States.

A National Government was formed by the seceded States in February, 1861, under the name of the "Confederate States of America."

Acting under the instructions of the Secretary of War of this government, the surrender of Fort Sumter, a fortress of the United States, commanding the entrance to the city of Charleston, South Carolina, was demanded of the officer in command. Compliance with the demand being refused, an armed force of South Carolinians fired upon the fort, and, after a short siege, captured it.

The power of the General Government being thus defied, its flag insulted, and its property taken by force, President Lincoln called for a force of 75,000 volunteers to aid in putting down the rebellion and enforcing the laws of the Union. Under these circumstances a public meeting of the citizens of the town was held, 22 April, 1861, to express their sentiments in regard to the events then transpiring in the country.

Barnabas B. David was called to the chair, and upon taking it announced the object of the meeting, and pledged his all in support of the national cause.

Prayer was then offered by Rev. J. G. Davis.

Remarks and patriotic speeches were then made by several prominent citizens of the town, and resolutions, pledging the lives, fortunes, and sacred honor, of those present to the support of the cause of the country, were adopted.

A Finance Committee was appointed, to secure and disburse contributions for the support of the families of those who volunteered to fight the battles of the country, and it was voted to raise the pay of the volunteers from Amherst to eighteen dollars per month, and furnish each one with a Colt's revolver.

Fourteen young men came forward and offered their services as soldiers.

A Home Guard was formed, which met for some time for the purpose of drill.

The Amherst Soldiers' Aid and Home Relief Society was organized in 1861, and closed its work in November, 1865. During its existence, money to the amount of \$817.90 had

been collected for the use of the society, and articles distributed to the amount of \$1,286.35, the excess being in labor, wearing apparel, and other articles contributed.

Names of soldiers who were furnished with revolvers:

Jesse Barret,	George W. George,	Henry S. Ober,
Taylor W. Blunt,	George P. Griswold,	Daniel A. Peabody,
Rodney Burdick,	Newton T. Hartshorn,	Charles H. Phelps,
Frank Chickering,	Henry H. Manning,	George W. Russell,
James B. David,	Reuel G. Manning,	William W. Sawtelle,
John M. Fox,	Alfred L. Moore,	George Vose.

#### PROCEEDINGS OF THE TOWN.

1 June, 1861.

"Voted to raise a sum of money not exceeding \$2,000, and authorized the selectmen to borrow such portion thereof as might be thought necessary, and give the note of the town for the repayment of the same, said money to be placed at the disposal of a committee appointed at a citizens' meeting, which committee was required to furnish necessary assistance to the families of any men who had enlisted from this town, for a longer period than three months, or to the families of such person or persons as may hereafter enlist from this town during their services as soldiers to sustain the Government and laws of our country."

The committee consisted of Perley Dodge, Charles H. Campbell, Edward D. Boylston, Charles Richardson, and Francis P. Fitch.

10 October, 1861. The committee presented a report of their proceedings, which was accepted by the town, and, after paying the balance remaining in their hands into the town treasury, they were discharged from further service.

Their receipts, as reported, have been \$992.21, of which \$92.21 was received from the State.

They had expended, in aid of the soldiers' families,	\$73.00
Paid the soldiers' extra pay voted,	397.72
Paid for revolvers for 18 volunteers, and incidentals,	240.90
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	\$711.62

At this meeting the town

"Voted unanimously to re-affirm and sanction the vote passed at its last meeting to compensate soldiers enlisted by the state, or who might so enlist to serve in the army of the United States, and to provide for the families of said soldiers, and raise money therefor as authorized by the act relating to that subject approved 4 July, 1861.

"Voted to continue to assist the families of such soldiers, to the amount to be repaid by the State, as provided in the act aforesaid, and in case of sickness or other casualties happening in such families, the selectmen are empowered and directed to render them such further aid as in their judgment they may require."

"Voted, that the selectmen be a committee to transact all future business in relation to the soldiers and their families, in accordance with the law passed at the last session of the legislature."

11 March, 1862. The selectmen reported that they had received \$447.43, which they had paid out:

For extra pay and service of one volunteer,	\$18.00
Paid families of volunteers, agreeably to act of 4 July, 1861,	414.00
And they had charged for their services and expenses,	15.45

which amount the State, according to the provisions of the act passed 4 July, 1861, is obliged to refund to the town.

12 August, 1862.

"Voted unanimously to pay a bounty of \$150 each to those persons, residents of Amherst prior to the passage of this vote, who have already enlisted, or may hereafter enlist, in this town, under the call of the President for 300,000 more men to serve three years, or during the war, provided they enlist as a part of the quota of this town on or before the expiration of the time allowed by the Government before drafting, and said bounty shall be paid by the selectmen of said town as soon as said persons are mustered into the service of the United States; and the said selectmen are hereby authorized to borrow such sum or sums of money as may be necessary for that purpose, and bind the town by note, or otherwise, for the payment of the same."

20 August, 1862. 181 persons, between the ages of 18 and 45 years, were enrolled in town, of whom 46 were exempted from the draft for various causes; of the remainder, 17 had enlisted into the army.

23 August, 1862.

"Voted to pay \$150 bounty to each person, resident in Amherst, who enlisted and was mustered into the service of the United States,

to fill the quota of the town under a call for 300,000 nine-months' men, and that aid be extended to their families in the same manner it is done to the families of those who have volunteered for three years."

27 August, 1862.

"Voted that every person recently enlisted be authorized to serve as a recruiting officer, and that they receive the usual fee rendered for such service, the same to be paid by the town."

27 August, 1862. Charles H. Campbell and Horace A. Clark were appointed a committee to invite Col. George Bowers and Col. A. F. Stevens to address the citizens at the next meeting (29th), and if their services could not be obtained the committee were authorized to procure other speakers.

29 August, 1862. Capt. Hapgood and Messrs. Bruce and Marden addressed the citizens and received the thanks of the meeting.

1 September, 1863.

"Voted to pay as bounty to the militia of this town, who may be drafted into the service of the United States, the sum of \$300 each, or the same to the substitutes of such drafted men, agreeably to the act of the legislature approved 10 July, 1863, and authorized the selectmen to procure the money necessary for that purpose by borrowing, their signatures to notes for the same to be binding upon the town."

At a meeting held 1 December, 1863, the proceedings of the selectmen, in filling the town's quota of the last call for 300,000 men, were approved, and they were authorized to complete the quota in such a manner as in their opinion would be most advantageous to the town, and hire money on the credit of the town to pay the necessary expenses.

29 June, 1864, the town voted to pay veteran soldiers, who had re-enlisted and had assigned themselves to this town as a part of its quota, the sum of \$100 each.

William A. Mack was chosen a committee to put in volunteers to fill the quota of this town to answer the next draft, "without any regard to price whatever," and the

selectmen were authorized to raise the sum of \$6,000 to defray expenses.

27 August, 1864, the town voted to pay those men who enlisted for one year as a part of the quota of this town, the sum of \$300; to those who enlisted for two years, the sum of \$400; and to those who enlisted for three years, the sum of \$500 each (in addition to the State and National bounties offered), and voted to raise \$10,000 to pay their bounties.

20 December, 1864, voted to refund to those who have furnished substitutes the amount exceeding \$200 they have paid for that purpose; voted also to pay \$300, and advance the State bounty to all who shall put in substitutes to fill the town's quota under the call for 500,000 men; and William A. Mack was appointed to act as agent for the town in filling its quota.

Military expenses of the town during the civil war, as reported by the selectmen:

Prior to March, 1862,						\$1,268.05
From March, 1862, to March, 1863,	.	.	.	.	.	12,090.72
" " 1863, " " 1864,	.	.	.	.	.	13,505.50
" " 1864, " " 1865,	.	.	.	.	.	21,866.20
" " 1865, " " 1866,	.	.	.	.	.	1,362.23
						<hr/>
						\$50,087.70

A large portion of the above was repaid by the State and United States.

10 March, 1868, the selectmen were authorized to expend a sum not exceeding \$500 in building a soldiers' monument.

30 May, 1869, the selectmen appointed Harrison Eaton a committee on the construction of a soldiers' monument.

9 August, 1870, J. Byron Fay, Edward D. Boylston, and Charles Richardson, were appointed a committee to ascertain the cost of a suitable monument to commemorate the soldiers from Amherst who lost their lives in the civil war.



At an adjourned meeting, held 6 September, 1870, the committee reported in favor of erecting a monument similar to the one recently erected in Peterborough, the cost of which they estimated at \$4,000. The report was accepted, but action upon its recommendation was postponed until the next annual meeting.

14 March, 1871, Harrison Eaton, J. Byron Fay, and John F. Whiting, were appointed a committee to locate and erect a soldiers' monument, and the style or character of the monument, and the time of erecting it, was left to their discretion.

It was voted to appropriate the sum of \$3,000, in addition to the sum left by the late Aaron Lawrence, Esq., toward its erection.

The granite base of the soldiers' monument on the Plain was quarried from a bowlder found on land owned by Levi J. Secomb, Esq. The bronze figure of a soldier was placed upon it 9 December, 1871.

At the same time the bronze tablet, bearing the following inscription, was inserted :

IN HONOR OF  
OUR CITIZEN SOLDIERS.  
1861-1865.

William W. Sawtelle, 2d	Reg't	James Blanchard, 10th	Reg't.
James W. Patterson, "	"	Samuel Corliss, "	"
Fifield H. Messer, "	"	George B. Sloan, "	"
Henry S. Ober, 4th	"	Eli S. Gutterson, "	"
Thomas L. Gilpatrick, "	"	Robert Gray, "	"
Charles H. Phelps, 5th	"	George A. McCluer, "	"
Edward Vose, "	"	George A. Pedrick, "	"
John L. Kendall, "	"	John N. Mace, "	"
Charles A. Damon, "	"	Charles S. Parkhurst, "	"
William Few, 7th	"	Lyman B. Sawtelle, "	"
Edwin Benden, 8th	"	Martin P. Weston, 1st	Reg't
Joseph F. Johnson, "	"	N. H. Heavy Artillery.	
Albert Noyes, "	"	Frank H. Holt, 47th	Penn.
Charles A. B. Hall, 9th	"		

ERECTED 1871  
 BY THE TOWN OF AMHERST,  
 ASSISTED BY A LEGACY  
 FROM  
 AARON LAWRENCE, ESQ.



A meeting was held 31 May, 1872, "to see if the town would vote to dedicate the Soldiers' Monument," but the article in the warrant for that purpose was dismissed, 47 to 42. At another meeting, held 17 June, 1872, the town voted "to dedicate the Soldiers' Monument," but no steps have been taken to carry the vote into effect, and the monument has never been formally dedicated.

SOLDIERS AND SAILORS FROM AMHERST IN THE CIVIL WAR.  
 1861-1865.

Three-months' men that went to Portsmouth in Capt. Gillis's Company, April, 1861.

Jesse Barrett,  
 Taylor W. Blunt,  
 Rodney W. Burdick,

Joseph F. Cady,  
 Frank Chickering,  
 James B. David,

John M. Fox,  
George W. George,  
George P. Griswold,  
Reuel G. Manning,

Alfred L. Moore,  
George W. Russell,  
William W. Sawtelle.

Of the above those who declined to enlist for three years returned home 13 July, 1861, having received a discharge.

### THREE YEARS' MEN.

#### SECOND REGIMENT.

John M. Fox,  
Fifield H. Messer,  
William W. Sawtelle.

#### THIRD REGIMENT.

Rodney W. Burdick,  
George W. Parkhurst,  
James Ryan.

#### FOURTH REGIMENT.

Charles F. Crooker,  
Albert Fletcher,  
Thomas L. Gilpatrick,  
John G. Lovejoy,  
Henry H. Manning,  
Samuel H. Ober,  
George W. Osgood,  
William D. Stearns,  
George H. Upton.

#### FIFTH REGIMENT.

John Boodro,  
James B. David,  
Edson Davis,  
Charles A. Damon,  
Joseph B. Fay,  
George W. George,  
Charles E. Hapgood,  
John L. Kendall,  
Henry A. Nichols,  
Daniel A. Peabody,  
Charles H. Phelps,  
Lyman B. Sawtelle,  
Edward Vose,

George Vose,  
Frederick A. Wilson.

#### SEVENTH REGIMENT.

Josiah Colburn.

#### EIGHTH REGIMENT.

Jesse Barrett,  
Edwin Benden,  
James L. Hardy,  
Joseph A. Johnson,  
Albert Noyes.

#### NINTH REGIMENT.

Robert E. Benden,  
Charles A. Hale,  
Bartholomew Ryan.

#### TENTH REGIMENT.

George F. Aiken,  
Albert S. Austin,  
James Blanchard,  
Thomas Broderick,  
Joseph A. Brown,  
Lawrence Cooley,  
Samuel W. Corliss,  
George E. Crooker,  
Jeremiah Crowley,  
Thomas Doyle,  
Robert Gray,  
Eli S. Gutterson,  
Charles F. Hall,  
Robert Harrison,  
George E. Heath,  
Peter Levin,  
George A. McClure,  
John N. Mace,

Thomas O'Connell,  
Charles N. Parkhurst,  
James W. Patterson,  
George A. Pedrick,  
John D. Pedrick,  
James A. Philbrick,  
George W. Russell,  
John Shea,  
Joshua A. Skinner,  
James R. Stearns,  
George B. Sloan,  
Horace Lawrence,  
Charles C. Twiss.

## HEAVY ARTILLERY.

Albert E. Boutell,  
Charles E. Flint,  
Edwin R. Roundy,  
William F. Russell,  
Charles H. Shepard,  
Nathan T. Taylor,  
William E. Wallace,  
Martin P. Weston.

## N. H. BATTERY.

Edmund E. Bullard,  
Richard Mahar,  
Bryant H. Melendy.

## SHARPSHOOTERS.

Charles Upton.

## IN MASSACHUSETTS REGIMENTS.

Charles Hastings,  
Joseph Pettengill,  
Warren S. Russell.

## 26th NEW YORK REGIMENT.

Michael Welsh.

## 4th PENNSYLVANIA REGIMENT.

Frank H. Holt.

## U. S. ENGINEERS.

Newton T. Hartshorn.

## U. S. NAVY.

John H. Clark,  
Henry A. Fletcher,  
Charles Champney,  
Nelson D. Gould,  
Patrick Moran,  
George N. Wheeler.

RE-ENLISTED AFTER THREE YEARS'  
SERVICE.

Edward E. Benden,  
Rodney W. Burdick,  
John G. Lovejoy,  
Albert Noyes,  
James Ryan,  
George H. Upton,  
George W. Upton.

## POST BAND AT HILTON HEAD.

Warren S. Russell,  
David F. Thompson.

The following citizens of Amherst furnished substitutes:

Hollis E. Abbott,  
Noah P. Batchelder,  
Henry R. Boutell,  
James C. Boutell,  
Luther Coggin, jr.,  
Perley W. Dodge,  
John Fletcher,  
Butler P. Flint,  
Charles E. Grater,  
John Hadlock,

Joseph F. Hanson,  
Reuben W. Harradon,  
Frank Hartshorn,  
Asa Jaquith, jr.,  
Ebenezer Jaquith,  
Andrew L. Kidder,  
Charles H. Kinson,  
Stephen McGaffey,  
William Melendy,  
George W. Parker,

Henry M. Parker,  
James S. Parkhurst,  
Solomon Prince,  
Albert A. Rotch,  
George J. Savage,  
Andrew F. Sawyer,  
Chester Shipley,

Daniel C. Shirley,  
Daniel W. Trow,  
Joseph P. Trow,  
George W. Upham,  
John F. Whiting,  
Samuel Wilkins.

Names of substitutes, so far as ascertained :

Charles Baursturn,  
Pierre Boyleau,  
William Brown,  
John Caten,  
Ira Clark,  
George Farley,  
John Fox,  
George Fray,  
Charles Groht,  
John Harris,  
Benjamin F. Hinds,  
Edward Hogan,

Thomas Jones,  
Alexander Miller,  
Hiram F. Morton,  
James O'Brien,  
Daniel O'Neill,  
Christian Peterson,  
Charles A. Rogers,  
Owen L. Rouse,  
Edward Rupel,  
William Thompson,  
Louis Walter,  
Joseph Wright.

Of the above substitutes, nine are reported as having deserted, one was killed at Cold Harbor, and two were wounded.

## CHAPTER XXII.

## THE MILITIA.

**C**OMPANY TRAININGS AND REGIMENTAL MUSTERS.—THE FIFTH REGIMENT, 1792.—FORMATION OF THE ARTILLERY AND CAVALRY COMPANIES.—COMPANY TRAININGS IN AMHERST, SEPT. 1807.—REPORTS OF REGIMENTAL MUSTERS FROM THE “CABINET.”—MAJOR DUDLEY.—MILITIA COMPANIES IN AMHERST.—THE LAFAYETTE RIFLEMEN, AND THEIR COMMISSIONED OFFICERS.—CAPTAINS OF THE AMHERST MILITIA PRIOR TO 1786.—CAPTAINS OF “OLD EAST” SINCE 1786.—CAPTAINS OF THE “WEST” COMPANY.—CAPTAINS OF THE SECOND PARISH COMPANY, 1786–1804.—OFFICERS OF THE SOUTH-WEST PARISH COMPANY, SEPT. 1787.—FIRST OFFICERS OF THE ARTILLERY COMPANY.—AMHERST MEN WHO HAVE COMMANDED THE COMPANY.—COPY OF LIEUTENANT JOSEPH PRINCE’S COMMISSION, 1743. .

A well-disciplined militia being deemed to be the natural and sure defense of the state, laws were enacted at an early date, providing for the instruction of the citizens in the school of the soldier. All liable to do military duty were called out twice a year for company training, and once a year the companies were called together for inspection and review, as parts of the regiment.

These annual gatherings of the defenders of the state were attended by a crowd of spectators who were exempted from the operations of the militia law. Veterans who met to relate their exploits on former muster-fields, or, perchance, on the fields of deadly strife; boys, looking forward to the time when they would be called upon to take part in the all-important proceedings of muster-day; women and children;

peddlers of all sorts of merchandise; showmen and venders of eatables and drinkables, all were there, and their voices mingled with the roll of drums and the piercing notes of fifes made a scene of confusion and uproar rivalling Babel of old.

Not unfrequently the jolly god got the better of the doughty heroes of the field. "We had a glorious muster, a first rate one," said one of them, on his return from the field, "and I judge they will have another to-morrow, as I saw a number of soldiers lying on their arms when I left the field."

Amherst being centrally situated, and for a long time the largest town in the regiment, was often selected as the place of these annual gatherings. Paraded on the common, with the cavalry near the court-house, then the artillery and riflemen, the uniformed light-infantry companies, the Milford red coats, and the ununiformed infantry companies from the various towns included in the regiment, the old "Fifth" formed a line extending nearly to Judge Claggett's house, and presented an imposing appearance.

In the office of the Secretary of the State, at Concord, is the following return, made in November, 1792, of the number of officers and men at that time included in the regiment. Military service was then required of "all free and able-bodied males between the ages of sixteen and forty years."

	Privates.	Officers.	Totals.
Company 1. Dunstable.	71	14	85
2. Amherst, 2d parish.	50	16	66
3. Nottingham West, 1st Co.	56	13	69
4. Merrimack, 1st Co.	65	3	68
5. Hollis, 1st Co.	60	16	76
6. Amherst, East Co.	58	16	74
7. Litchfield.	44	11	55
8. Hollis, 2d Co.	60	16	76
9. Amherst, West Co.	56	16	72
10. Nottingham West, 2d Co.	60	15	75
11. Raby.	38	9	47
12. Merrimack, 2d Co.	48	10	58
13. Amherst, 3d parish & Mile Slip.	56	15	71
Totals, 13 companies,	722	170	892

of which Amherst and the Mile Slip contributed 220 privates and 63 officers; total, 283.

In 1794 an artillery company was organized in the regiment, of which Luther Dana, of Amherst, was elected captain. A brass field-piece, one of the trophies of the battle of Bennington, was procured for its use, which was afterward transferred to the artillery company in the Ninth Regiment, and used many years by the New Boston artillery. On the centennial anniversary of the battle, the old gun, which has been christened "Molly Stark," was fired one hundred times in honor of Stark's victory.

Prior to 1795 a company of cavalry was organized in the regiment. At the muster, in 1806, the regiment consisted of one company of cavalry, one of artillery, and twelve of infantry. It was inspected and reviewed at Amherst by Major-General Benjamin Pierce and staff.

The following account of the fall training, in 1807, has been preserved:

Capt. Campbell's company (old East) met at Kendall's store at nine o'clock in the morning, and, after exercising some time, marched on the plain, where they performed the usual maneuvers. At one o'clock they repaired to Mr. Ball's and took dinner. Capt. Means's company (West company) met at one o'clock. At two o'clock the companies marched together on the plain. At three o'clock they were joined by the Mont Vernon company, commanded by Capt. David Kendall, and the marching and drill of the companies was kept up until night. The detachment was under the command of Capt. Campbell, the senior captain, who was mounted.

In 1814 the regiment mustered at Dunstable, where it was inspected and reviewed by Gen. Steele and staff. In the morning a draft was made to fill the last quota called for by the governor to serve at Portsmouth. The drafted men were dismissed with orders to appear at Portsmouth the next day, where they were to be joined by the drafted men from the other regiments in the brigade, and the whole were to march in a body to Portsmouth.

The 5th regiment, commanded by Col. Greely, and the 22d, commanded by Col. Steele, mustered in Amherst 18 Sept., 1818, and were reviewed by Brig. Gen. Gay and suite. The weather was very favorable and the appearance of the troops has seldom been surpassed.

The 5th regiment mustered in Amherst 12 Sept., 1821. At this muster the Dunstable cadets and Milford light-infantry gained great



and merited applause by their soldier-like appearance and the ease with which they performed various evolutions, new to most of the spectators.

About this time Maj. Dudley, late of the U. S. Army, visited Amherst and some of the neighboring towns, and gave instructions in military tactics to classes of young men, which produced a manifest improvement in the appearance of the militia companies of which they were members.

The regiment mustered at Amherst 12 Sept., 1834, and the "Cabinet" remarked that "the general appearance of the troops was creditable to the officers and soldiers, but an unusual assemblage of peddlers, loafers, rum-drinkers, and gamblers, was present, whose ill-conduct was a disgrace to the place, and to all concerned in it."

A revival of the military spirit took place shortly after this time, and at the muster in Amherst, 26 Sept., 1837, three new uniformed companies from Nashua, and one from Hudson, appeared on the field, and "the regiment never appeared to better advantage."

His excellency, Gov. Hubbard, and staff, reviewed the regiment at Nashua, 27 Sept., 1842. The weather was all that could be desired, the troops appeared finely, and the whole affair passed off very much to the satisfaction of all concerned.

The 5th, 9th, and 22d regiments mustered at Amherst, 27 Sept., 1851. The appearance of the troops was creditable, but the attending scenes were discreditable. Blacklegs and rowdies abounded, and the troops were called upon in one instance to suppress a riot. Mr. Boylston remarked, "on the whole the muster was a singular compound of mud, militia, music, and misery."

The old militia system, with its trainings, musters, and carousals, was abandoned soon after, and the state still lives without its protection.

From 1787 to 1794 the militia of Amherst was divided into four companies; one in the north-west parish, one in the south-west parish, and two, the "East" and the "West," in the first parish. After the incorporation of Milford and Mont Vernon, the "East" and "West" companies alone remained in Amherst. On the formation of the Lafayette rifle company, in 1825, the "West" company was disbanded, leaving "Old East" the only infantry company in town.

The Lafayette rifle company was organized in January, 1825, and was well sustained for nearly thirty years. It was one of the companies called out to perform escort duty, at the time of President Jackson's visit to Concord, in 1833, and the exploits of some of the members at that time, as related by the "survivors," were marvelous indeed. Its commissioned officers were

Charles Richardson, captain, 14 Jan., 1825; resigned 22 April, 1828.

Benj. F. Aiken, lieutenant, 24 Jan., 1825; resigned 24 Jan., 1827.

Charles G. Atherton, ensign, 14 Jan. 1825, lieutenant, 26 Jan., 1827, captain, 28 April, 1828; resigned 24 Jan., 1829.

Samuel B. Melendy, ensign, 26 Jan., 1827, lieutenant, 28 Jan., 1828; resigned 30 March, 1829.

Abraham Holmes, captain, 30 March, 1829; resigned 26 June, 1830.

Amnial Noyes, ensign, 28 April, 1828; resigned 30 March, 1829.

Alexander H. Converse, lieutenant, 30 March, 1829, captain, 25 Aug., 1830; resigned 21 April, 1834.

George W. Fletcher, ensign, 30 March, 1829, lieutenant, 25 Aug., 1830, captain, 21 April, 1834; resigned 13 April, 1835.

Isaac T. Parker, ensign, 25 Aug., 1830; resigned 23 April, 1832.

Charles P. Danforth, ensign, 27 April, 1832; resigned 3 August, 1833.

Levi J. Secombe, lieutenant, 21 April, 1834, captain, 13 April, 1835; resigned 13 April, 1838.

Luther Towne, ensign, 21 April, 1834, lieutenant, 14 April, 1835; resigned 13 April, 1838.

Sewall G. Mack, ensign, 14 April, 1835, captain, 13 April, 1838; resigned 6 Feb., 1839.

Levi Curtis, lieutenant, 13 April, 1838, captain, 6 Feb., 1839; resigned 30 Dec., 1841.

Elbridge Hardy, ensign, 13 April, 1838, lieutenant, 6 Feb., 1839; resigned 30 Dec., 1841.

Israel Fuller, jr., ensign, 6 Feb., 1839, captain, 30 Dec., 1841; resigned 11 April, 1843.

Peter Carlton, lieutenant, 30 Dec., 1841, captain, 11 April, 1843; resigned 30 March, 1844.

Isaac P. Weston, ensign, 30 April, 1842, lieutenant, 11 April, 1843, captain, 30 March, 1844; resigned 26 March, 1846.

Benjamin B. Whiting, ensign, 11 April, 1843, lieutenant, 30 March, 1844, captain, 26 March, 1846.

Miles Lovejoy, ensign, 30 March, 1844, lieutenant, 26 March, 1846; resigned 10 May, 1847.

John Putnam, ensign, 26 March, 1846.

Captains of the militia companies of Amherst, prior to 1786, so far as can be ascertained :

Joseph Prince, lieut. command'g.	William Peabody,
John Bradford,	Robert Read,
Ephraim Hildreth,	John Shepard,
Nathan Kendall,	Archelaus Towne,
Hezekiah Lovejoy,	Israel Towne, jr.

#### 6TH COMPANY, 5TH REGIMENT.

Captains of Amherst " East " Company, since 1786, with date of commission :

1786 Moses Barron.	1821 Elijah Mansur.
1793 Jeremiah Hobson.	1824 David Fisk, 3d.
1795 William Fisk.	1828 Luther Melendy.
1797 Joseph Nichols.	1829 Charles Melendy.
1801 John Harvell.	1834 Robert G. Shepard.
Philip Eaton.	1838 Ebenezer T. Duncklee.
1805 Daniel Campbell, jr.	1844 Thomas M. Harvell.
1808 Josiah Converse.	1846 Charles H. Campbell.
1815 Benjamin P. Brown.	1848 Joseph F. Crosby.
1818 James Bell, lieut. com'd'g.	

#### 9TH COMPANY, 5TH REGIMENT.

Captains of Amherst " West " company :

1786 Samuel Shepard.	Amos Elliott.
1793 William Stewart.	Edmund Parker.
1797 Ebenezer Wakefield.	1815 Robert Read.
1799 Nathaniel Emerson.	1817 Thomas Wilkins.
1801 Thomas Whiting.	1821 Daniel Hartshorn.
1802 Theophilus Page.	1824 Charles Richardson.
1806 David McG. Means.	

The company was disbanded in January, 1825.

#### 2D COMPANY, 5TH REGIMENT.

Captains of the " North-west Parish company," from 1786 to the incorporation of Mont Vernon, 1803.

1786 William Bradford, jr.	1799 John Batchelder.
1793 Moses Kimball.	1803 Benjamin Parker.

## 13TH COMPANY, 5TH REGIMENT.

The company in the south-west parish included the militia in the south-west parish and those in "Duxbury" and the "Mile Slip." It was organized in the autumn of 1787, and the following officers were commissioned, 11 Sept., of that year :

Joshua Burnham, captain.                      James Gilmore, 2d lieutenant.  
Benjamin Lewis, 1st lieutenant.            Joshua Mooar, ensign.

Capt. Burnham continued in command of the company until after the incorporation of Milford, in 1794.

The artillery company in the fifth regiment was organized early in the summer of 1794. The following officers were commissioned 13 June, of that year :

Luther Dana, of Amherst, captain.  
Benjamin Pool, of Hollis, 1st lieutenant.  
Augustus Lund, of Dunstable, 2d lieutenant.

Other citizens of Amherst who commanded the company were

1807 John Secombe.                      1816 James Shepard.  
1810 Peter Patterson.

The cavalry company was organized about 1794, and Joseph Perkins, jr., of Amherst, was commissioned as captain, 30 Dec., of that year.

Lt. Joseph Prince was probably the first commander of the militia in Amherst. His commission, now in the hands of one of his descendants, is as follows :

	Benning Wentworth, Esq., Capt.-Gen.
PROVINCE OF )	and Governor-in-Chief in and over His
NEW HAMPSHIRE. )	Majesty's Province of New Hampshire,
	in New England, &c.

*To Joseph Prince, Gentleman, Greeting :*

By virtue of the Power and Authority in and by His Majesty's Royal Commission to Me granted, to be Captain-General, &c., over this His Majesty's Province of New Hampshire, aforesaid, I do (by these Presents), reposing especial Trust and Confidence in your Loyalty, Courage, and good Conduct, constitute and appoint You, the said Joseph Prince, to be Lieutenant of the Seventh Company in the Sixth Regiment of Militia in the Province aforesaid, whereof Joseph Blanchard, Esq., is Colonel.

You are, therefore, carefully and diligently to discharge the Duty of a lieutenant commanding, ordering, and exercising (the men under

your command) in arms, (as Infantry) Soldiers, and to keep them in good Order and Discipline; hereby commanding them to obey you as their Lieutenant,—and yourself to observe and follow such Orders and Instructions as you shall from time to time receive from Me, or the Commander-in-Chief for the Time being, or other of your Superior Officers for His Majesty's Service, according to Military Rules and Discipline pursuant to the Trust reposed in you.

L. S.

Given under my Hand and Seal at Arms,  
at Portsmouth, the 2d Day of December,  
in the Seventeenth Year of the Reign of  
His Majesty, King George the Second,  
*Anno Domini*, 1743.

By His Excellency's  
Command,

THEODORE ATKINSON, *Secretary*.

B. WENTWORTH

## CHAPTER XXIII.

## MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS.

BRIDGES ACROSS THE SOUHEGAN.—THE SMALL-POX.—DEALINGS WITH THE DOMESTIC ANIMALS.—VOTES IN RELATION TO CROWS AND FISH.—BURYING-GROUNDS AND TOMBS.—ACCIDENTAL DEATHS.—BELLS AND CLOCKS.—THE POST-OFFICE.—TELEGRAPH AND TELEPHONE.—NEWSPAPERS.—BANKS.—SECOND NEW HAMPSHIRE TURNPIKE.—PIONEER BRICK-MAKERS.—CARD MANUFACTORY.—THE WHIP BUSINESS.—AMHERST SOCIAL LIBRARY.—THE "FRANKLIN SOCIETY."—THE "HANDELLIAN SOCIETY."—FREE MASONRY.—SOUHEGAN GRANGE.—UNITED ORDER OF THE GOLDEN CROSS.—FIRE RECORD.—HUNTERS' EXPLOITS.—COLLEGE GRADUATES FROM AMHERST.—ATTORNEYS AND PHYSICIANS.—WITCH STORIES.—"CABINET" CLIPPINGS.—LOCAL NAMES.

## BRIDGES ACROSS THE SOUHEGAN.

9 March, 1761, the town voted £50, old tenor, to repair the bridge across the Souhegan, near Capt. Ebenezer Parker's place, in Merrimack.

15 April, 1768, they voted that in future they would maintain one half of each of the three bridges crossing the Souhegan, and divided the town into three districts, each district to take care of the town's proportion of one of the bridges.

At a meeting held 17 June, 1799, Samuel Wilkins, Robert Means, and Jacob Taylor, a committee appointed to view the road from Kendrick's bridge to his house, reported that it would be very expensive to wharf against the river

so as to make it sure and safe passing where the road now runs, and considering that the bridge would have to be rebuilt soon, they suggested the propriety of examining the ground at a point some twenty or twenty-five rods west of the present bridge, where they thought a dry and safe road might be had at all seasons of the year, with a view of changing the direction of the road to that place, and building the new bridge on that site.

After hearing the report, the town voted to continue the travel on the road, as now built, for the present, and directed the selectmen to examine the ground, and, if they thought it advisable, to lay out a new road on the route indicated by the committee.

16 November, 1801, David Danforth, Lieutenant Timothy Nichols, and Mr. Jesse Stevens, were appointed a committee to inspect the Kendrick bridge, which they were directed to proceed to rebuild as soon as they thought it best to do so. The sum of three hundred dollars was appropriated at this meeting to defray the expense of rebuilding the bridge.

4 November, 1816, the sum of two hundred and fifty dollars was voted to defray the expense of repairing the Kendrick bridge.

3 September, 1825, the sum of three hundred dollars was appropriated toward paying the expense of rebuilding the Kendrick bridge.

23 January, 1826, the selectmen were appointed a committee to superintend the erection of a new bridge near Maj. Joseph Fletcher's.

At the same meeting the selectmen were appointed agents for the town to defend the suit brought against it by Henry Clark, on account of the failure of the bridge near Mr. John Mack's, and at a meeting held 4 March, 1826, they were directed to prosecute the appeal claimed in said action, at the last term of the Court of Common Pleas, and cause the same to be tried in the Superior Court.

A cause for the failure of the bridge may be inferred from the following item, taken from the *Cabinet* of 23 Dec., 1830. Loads of a similar character were, and had for some time been, quite common :

"Henry Clark, of New Boston, drew a load from Boston to Amherst, this week, with five horses, weighing, including carriage, six tons and four hundred pounds."

The average weight of his horses was 1049 pounds.

7 November, 1836, a committee was appointed to inquire into the expediency of building a new bridge across Souhegan river, near Capt-

Daniel Fletcher's. They were directed to ascertain the probable expense of building a stone bridge; also the expense of a wooden bridge; the nature of the ground on which the bridge was to be built; the width of the stream; and other particulars necessary to give the town a right understanding of the subject, and report at the next meeting. 5 December, 1838, another committee was appointed, who were directed to ascertain, as near as possible, the cost of a stone bridge; a wooden bridge; or a chain bridge. On the 24th of the same month the committee reported that a good stone bridge could be built for \$3500, provided the town would find stone and gravel. A good wooden bridge they estimated might be built for \$1500. They had not been able to get much information as to the cost of a chain bridge, but were of opinion that it would be inexpedient to erect one. A bridge like the one then in use could be built for \$800. Having made all the inquiries in their power, in regard to the cost of the different kinds of bridges, they referred the matter to the town for their decision which to adopt.

After hearing the report of the committee, the town voted to build a covered bridge, after Towne's patent, the ensuing year, and appointed William Melendy, John Secombe, and Samuel Goss, a committee to let out the procuring of the materials and superintend the building of said bridge.

The bridge was accordingly built the following year under the superintendence of Mr. Ford Pollard. Its cost, as reported by the committee, was \$3061.62. It still stands, after forty-four years' service.

13 March, 1839, John Secombe, Samuel Goss, and Israel Fuller, jr. were appointed a committee to examine and report on the condition of the bridge near the pauper farm; the location of the same; what kind of a bridge it was expedient to build in that place; and the probable cost of the same.

The town, 30 March, 1839, voted not to accept the plan for a bridge, reported by the committee, but voted to build a stone bridge, and appointed William Melendy, Samuel Nutt, and Josiah Russell, a building committee, and instructed them to ascertain the probable cost of building the bridge, and report at some future meeting.

13 April, 1839, the town voted to reconsider the vote to build a stone bridge; voted not to repair the old bridge; and, lastly, voted to build a stone bridge.

Voted to adjourn for two weeks, then to meet at this place, at which time the committee were directed to report a plan for a stone bridge.

At the adjourned meeting, 27 April, voted to reconsider the vote to build a stone bridge, and appointed Israel Fuller, jr., John Secombe, and Samuel Goss, a committee to contract for the building of a sub-



stantial wooden bridge, the same to be completed by the 1st of July, next, and the committee were directed to avail themselves of the remains of the old bridge, so far as they might be serviceable in the construction of the new one.

Voted, also, that the furnishing of all lumber required for the new bridge be let at auction, to the lowest bidder, and the selectmen were authorized to raise, by loan, a sum not exceeding \$800 to defray the expense of building the bridge. The expense of building this bridge was reported, in March, 1840, to have been \$620.18.

17 September, 1853, a committee, consisting of the selectmen, Capt. Daniel Hartshorn and Oliver Carter, was appointed to examine into the state of the bridge at the pauper farm, and report at some future meeting the probable expense of rebuilding the same with stone or wood.

At a meeting held 1 October, 1853, the committee was authorized to build such a bridge as they saw fit, but were directed to get proposals for building a stone bridge.

A wooden bridge was built soon after, at an expense of \$1310.63. At the annual meeting, in March of the following year, the selectmen were instructed to cause the sides of the bridge to be covered, which was done at an expense of \$409.24.

At the annual meeting, in March, 1861, the selectmen were directed to make all necessary repairs upon the bridge at the pauper farm.

At the annual meeting, held in March, 1864, the selectmen were authorized to build a new bridge over the river, near the pauper farm, should it be for the interest of the town so to do.

The selectmen accordingly employed Mr. Dutton Woods to build the bridge, for doing which he was paid \$2300.

This bridge is now standing and bids fair to do duty for many years.

#### THE SMALL-POX.

At a meeting held 20 March, 1780, the town voted that their selectmen desire the doctors to desist from inoculating with the small-pox, and notify them that they would incur the displeasure of the town if they did not desist.

In answer to a petition of several inhabitants of the town, asking that a pest-house might be established for the proper treatment of this disease, the town voted, at a meeting held 20 Sept., 1792, "not to suffer a pest-house, for the accommodation of the small-pox, in the said town of Amherst."

Another application for the same purpose was made shortly after, with the same result.

12 November, 1792, Robert Fletcher and others, having been inoculated with the small-pox, Daniel Campbell, Esq., Dea. Samuel Wilkins, Samuel Dana, Esq., Nathan Kendall, and Joshua Lovejoy, were appointed a committee to examine into their conduct, and to prevent others from doing the same if in their power.

19 March, 1793, the committee reported "that they have attended to that service, and, upon the most careful inquiry and best information obtained, are of opinion that said Fletcher and others, who had the small-pox, in this town, the fall past, were highly reprehensible; but when we consider their peculiar suffering, that one sorrowful instance of mortality happened among them, and others were severely visited with the disorder, beside the great expense (greater than usual), we think it would be adding affliction to the afflicted if they should be further noticed in the matter; and therefore we recommend the town to pass over the offence without any further marks of resentment than to let others know that a similar error will not be passed with like lenity."

The report was read, but we are not informed that any action was taken upon it. Probably the matter was dropped by general consent.

29 January, 1840. At a town meeting held this day, the selectmen were authorized to appoint an agent, or agents, to vaccinate, as soon as may be, all the inhabitants of the town who had not had the kine or small-pox, and to re-vaccinate all those who may wish it, and where it will, in their opinion, give greater security against the small-pox, the agent or agents to take such districts, or portions of the town for their practice as they can agree upon among themselves.

The agents were to keep a list of the persons vaccinated, and the number of visits they made to each person, and report the same in writing to the selectmen, with the names of those, if any, who, at the time of making their report, they have reason to believe have had neither the kine nor small-pox; which report the selectmen were to lay before the town, at the next meeting after it was made.

After the performance of these services, the selectmen were authorized to pay such agent or agents, for their services, a sum not exceeding ten cents for each person vaccinated.

The three physicians then resident in town, were appointed agents, agreeably to the above vote, and their bills for services amounted to \$91.09.

Since that time several cases of the small-pox have occurred in town, but its appearance now excites little alarm. The practice of vaccination with the kine-pox, warmly advocated by Dr. Spalding, on

his settlement here, has robbed this terrible disease of its terrors, and the fears entertained of it in the olden time seem to us almost ridiculous.

DEALINGS WITH DOMESTIC ANIMALS. VOTES IN RELATION TO  
CROWS AND FISH.

Unruly cattle were a plague to the elders, and we find them building a pound and adopting by-laws at an early date, to keep the vagrant cows, sheep, and swine, in order.

At the annual meeting, March, 1792, an effort was made to keep them off the common. A by-law was adopted, by which the luckless citizen, whose cows trespassed thereon at any time between the first day of May and the first day of November, in any year, became liable to a fine of two shillings a head for every day or part of a day they were found within its precincts. If his sheep transgressed the by-law, one shilling a head per day or part of a day, for the time they trespassed, paid the penalty.

Probably the snow-drifts, that usually abounded between the first of November and the first of May, were deemed to be a sufficient protection that part of the year. As to the swine, they were ordered to be kept in strict confinement at all seasons of the year. If they presumed to show themselves upon the common at any time, their owner was to be called upon to pay two shillings per head for every day or part of a day they transgressed.

6 July, 1778, John Stewart, Benjamin Davis, and William Odall, were appointed a committee to see to the building of a pound; said pound to be forty feet square, and to be built on the north-west corner of the common, north-west of the meeting-house, which would fix the locality nearly in front of the house now occupied by Mrs. Conant. At a later date the selectmen were instructed to cause one thirty-two feet square to be built of stones.

As the crows troubled them, the fathers, 15 March, 1782, voted to pay twenty-five cents per head for every one killed within the limits of the town, provided the person claiming the bounty produced two substantial witnesses to testify that they were so killed.

13 March, 1809, as provision had been made for repairing the fence around the burying-ground, they ordered the sexton to impound "any creature" that might be found doing damage within that inclosure after the repairs were completed.

In March, 1819, they thought the finny inhabitants of Babboosuck needed looking after, and voted their approval of a law being passed

prohibiting the taking of fish from that pond, through the ice, or with lances, spears, seines, or nets, at any time.

11 March, 1828, they voted that no hogs, sheep, neat cattle, or horses, should be allowed to go at large in the public highways, and appointed a committee to prepare by-laws to secure the enforcement of their vote; but at a meeting held 16 June following, they refused to adopt any by-laws for that purpose, and discharged the committee appointed to draft them, from any further service in that direction.

After all the votes and by-laws passed, the poor man's cow was tolerably secure in the "long pasture." Occasionally she was pelted with brick-bats, stones, or apples, by Young America, or worried by dogs and war-like ganders, but these proceedings were promptly rebuked by those in authority, and the spirit that "tarred and feathered" old skipper Ireson, would have been raised among the fairer half of creation, had she been committed to the pound.

Fifty years ago the pound was located in the corner of the field east of the Manchester road, near the Chickering bridge. About 1830 the title of the town to the land on which it stood was called in question, and at the annual meeting that year, the selectmen were directed to investigate the subject and make report at the next meeting.

At the adjourned meeting, held 25 March, they made a verbal report, and were directed to repair the old pound on the old spot. The question of ownership was not settled, and at a meeting held 22 Nov., 1831, the selectmen were directed to make still further investigations, and lay the result of their labors before the town at some future time.

11 March, 1832, the selectmen were directed to continue their researches, and if they found the land was owned by other parties, they were authorized to agree with them for its use.

13 March, 1839, the town voted that no neat cattle or swine should be allowed to go at large in town this year, and the surveyors of highways were elected field-drivers in their respective districts, and the selectmen were directed to administer the oath as field-drivers to each one when he took his oath as surveyor.

At the annual meeting, in March, 1854, the town adopted the law prohibiting horses, &c., from running at large, and voted the penalty for its violation should be, for every horse, \$3, horned cattle, \$2, sheep and swine, \$1 each, to be collected of their owners.

At the annual meeting, in March, 1881, the town voted to dispose of the "pound," and the selectmen were authorized to do it in any way they might think best.

Its remains are now (1882) to be seen near the south-west corner of the new cemetery, by the side of the road leading to Mr. Druker's dwelling-house.

Eighty-five years ago, sheep and lambs were hired for a term of years; records of some transactions of this kind have been preserved, which we give.

7 January, 1797, one sheep and two ewe lambs were let for three years. The same number of sheep and lambs, of as good quality as those taken, were to be returned to the owner at the end of that time, and one pound of good merchantable wool was to be paid annually, in the month of June, for rent.

In another instance two ewes and one ewe lamb were hired for four years, at the end of which time three ewes and three ewe lambs of as good quality as those hired were to be returned.

#### BURYING-GROUNDS AND TOMBS.

A committee was appointed by the proprietors of the township, at a meeting held 1 May, 1735, to lay out, among other things, a suitable spot for a public burying-place. The acceptance of the report of this committee, made shortly after, is the last recorded action of the proprietors in regard to a burying-place.

The town, at a meeting held 8 March, 1762, voted to raise £250, old tenor, to defray the expenses of inclosing their burying-ground and purchasing a burying-cloth; and they voted that the said burying-cloth be kept at Mr. Solomon Hutchinson's.

Solomon Hutchinson and Samuel Stewart were appointed a committee to purchase the cloth and see to fencing the yard.

Mr. Hutchinson is said to have lived on the spot where Mrs. Daniel Hartshorn now lives. His house was burned not long after.

15 June, 1768. The town voted to exchange a piece of land belonging to the burying-ground lot, for another piece belonging to Mr. Jonathan Smith, which lay adjoining said lot.

Most likely the piece received from Mr. Smith lay on the east side of the old burying-ground, as now fenced in, while the piece he received in exchange lay on the north end of the lot, which would give him a better opportunity to pass to his mill, and the town received a piece better adapted for burial purposes.

At a meeting held 5 August, 1773, the town appointed Nahum Baldwin and John Stewart, a committee to fence in the burying-ground, and directed that a faced stone wall be built in front, facing the road, and that posts and rails be used for fencing the other sides of the yard.

At a meeting held 11 March, 1806, the town voted to build a hearse house, and appointed the selectmen a committee to see to its erection. They also voted to raise fifty dollars to pay the expense of building the house.

13 February, 1809. The town voted to repair the fence around the burying-ground, and authorized the selectmen to get it done.

At the annual meeting in March, 1821, the selectmen were appointed a committee to consider the expediency of purchasing land for a new burying-ground, determine the most suitable place therefor, ascertain at what price the land may be bought, and report the same at the next meeting.

March, 1823. Clifton Claggett, Robert Read, and Edmund Parker, were appointed a committee to ascertain some suitable piece of land for a burying-ground, that may be purchased, and for what price, and report at some future meeting.

March, 1824. Robert Means and Ephraim Blanchard were added to the committee chosen last year, and the committee were directed to make further arrangements in regard to a piece of land for a burying-ground.

21 June, 1824. The committee reported that Samuel Dana, Esq., of Groton, Mass., would sell to the town such a quantity of land as they wanted for a burying-ground, from the land he owned in Amherst, lying on the north or south side of the road leading from the vestry to the farm owned by Rev. Jeremiah Barnard.

At the same meeting Edmund Parker, Eber Lawrence, Clifton Claggett, William Fisk, and Nathan Kendall, were appointed a committee to purchase from said Dana a piece of land from the east end of his lot, which lies south of said road, in front of the vestry, not exceeding five acres, for the above purpose, the price not to exceed twenty dollars per acre, and that they procure a title of the same from said Dana, and lay the same out in the most suitable manner.

This effort seems to have been a failure, as the town voted, 13 March, 1827, to refer the subject of the purchase of land for a burying-ground to the selectmen.

22 May, 1827. The town voted to purchase a lot of land on the west end of the lot owned by Samuel Dana, Esq., on the north side of the road passing by the vestry, for a grave-yard for the use of the town, being the same that Edmund Parker purchased of said Dana, and that the selectmen be a committee to make the purchase and erect a suitable fence around the same.

11 March, 1828. Solomon Barron, Isaac Colby, Levi Dodge, Otis Fletcher, Robert Fletcher, Joseph Harvel, John Haseltine, Charles Melendy, Luther Melendy, Nathaniel Melendy, Perley Raymond, and

Moses B. Stewart, were by vote of the town exempted from paying any part of the expense of the new grave-yard laid out west of the vestry. At the same meeting the selectmen were authorized to sell and convey a piece of the land lying west of the vestry, lately purchased for a burying-ground, and they were appointed a committee to cause a suitable fence to be erected in front of the remainder.

9 May, 1830. The town voted that the selectmen purchase a grave-yard at Chestnut Hill, and suitable grave-cloths, to be used in that place, and to do what else they may think proper relating thereto, at the expense of the town. The selectmen were also constituted a committee to repair the fence around the old burying-ground.

22 November, 1831. The town voted not to receive the land proposed to be given by Maj. Joseph Fletcher for a burying-ground. This lot lay on the old road south of land of Timothy Nichols, and it was stipulated in the offer that Maj. Fletcher and others should have liberty to build tombs therein, and that it should be fenced at the expense of the town.

14 March, 1832. Voted to purchase a piece of ground from one half to one acre in area, in the south-east part of the town, in School District No. 3, for a public burying-ground, and fence the same, and give those that wish so to do leave to build tombs therein.

1 September, 1834. Voted that the selectmen procure a new hearse and one or more burying-cloths, for the use of the town.

The subject of building tombs in front of the burying-ground was brought before the town at the annual meeting in March, 1827, on petition of Lemuel Blood, for leave so to do. The town voted to refer the matter to the selectmen.

9 May, 1836. The selectmen were empowered to lot out the ground in front of the old burying-ground for building tombs, and sell the same, subject to such restrictions as they saw fit to impose, to the highest bidder, at auction.

The above lots, six in number, were sold 28 May, 1836, for fifty cents each, the purchasers agreeing to build and keep in repair a good and substantial stone wall, of split stone, in front of the tombs, free of expense to the town.

March, 1840, a small piece of ground on the pauper farm was appropriated for a burial-place, and the selectmen were authorized to fence the same.

21 June, 1842. Voted to sell the ground in front of the burying-ground, commencing thirty feet south of the south wing of the court house, for ten tombs, at auction. This vote was carried into effect 23 February, 1844.

At the annual meeting, in March, 1851, the selectmen were authorized to purchase land adjoining the new burying-ground, should they deem it expedient so to do, which being done, it was voted, at a meeting held 2 November, 1852, to authorize the selectmen to dispose of the lots in the new part of the burying-ground, and appropriate the proceeds of the sales toward making improvements in the yard.

In March, 1857, the selectmen were directed to purchase a receiving tomb, or cause one to be built.

## ACCIDENTAL DEATHS.

About 1778. Charles Black, drowned in Babboosuck brook, near Samuel Wyatt's house.

23 April, 1800. Aaron Wilkins, killed by a falling tree.

29 December, 1803. A child of John Mussey, burnt to death.

May, 1805. A child of Henry Howard, by drinking a large quantity of rum.

9 May, 1805. Joel Hagar, killed by a fall.

12 September, 1805. Capt. Levi Adams, killed by a kick from a horse.

29 May, 1806. Daniel Stevens, killed by falling into a well.

12 January, 1808. James Farnum perished in the cold while intoxicated.

22 August, 1812. Samuel Wyatt, drowned in Babboosuck brook.

October, 1812. Harriet Danforth, burnt to death at school, in district No. 5.

16 May, 1815. A child of Daniel Lyon, killed by falling into a well.

9 August, 1818. John Clark, drowned while bathing.

10 August, 1820. Capt. Samuel Morrison, killed by falling from a roof.

4 July, 1826. Charles Haseltine, accidentally shot at a company training of the Lafayette riflemen.

December, 1828. Joel Worcester burnt to death in a coal pit.

7 November, 1829. Adolph Lange, killed by falling on a hay fork while sliding from a hay-mow.

18 December, 1830. Ninian C. Dodge, killed by falling from a window at Boston.

2 February, 1834. A child of David Stratton, burnt to death.

10 April, 1834. Rodney Wheeler, accidentally shot.

December, 1834. George Prince, killed by a wheel of a loaded wagon, crushing his head.

30 May, 1837. Mrs. Lucy Hartshorn, killed by being thrown from her carriage while returning from meeting.



14 January, 1840. An insane person, a stranger, perished in the cold.

26 July, 1842. Mary, wife of Daniel Phelps, burnt to death.

2 March, 1849. William Danforth, killed by a falling tree.

14 March, 1849. Lummus Shepard, killed by a falling tree.

19 October, 1849. Hiram F. Jewett, killed by a fall from a chestnut tree.

24 September, 1854. Stephen Holbrook, killed by a runaway horse.

24 April, 1856. Dana F. Bills, killed by falling into a hole in a hay-mow.

Winter of 1866-67. Woodbury Roby, drowned in Pulpit brook.

10 December, 1867. Daniel Wheeler, killed by a fall.

1 September, 1868. Timothy Patch, choked to death while eating.

30 July, 1870. John Lovejoy, killed by falling from a roof.

20 September, 1870. Mrs. Cynthia Jones, killed by being thrown from a carriage.

9 January, 1871. Mrs. Pamela Brown, burnt to death at town farm.

20 August, 1872. Daniel Weston, died from injuries received in a fall.

6 December, 1872. Farnum Clark, died from injuries received in falling from his wagon, a few days before.

16 July, 1879. Henry F. Colston, died from injuries received in the collision of two carriages.

23 July, 1880. Ed. Creany, of Boston, drowned in Babboosuck pond.

#### BELLS AND CLOCKS.

At a meeting of the first parish, held 3 May, 1788, a committee was appointed to dispose of "two back seats on the lower floor of the meeting-house," and appropriate the money received from their sale to the purchase of a bell for the use of the parish.

A further grant of forty pounds for the same purpose was made at a meeting held 28 October, 1793, and the committee was authorized to borrow the money until it could be assessed and collected.

The bell was purchased shortly after, as we find in the record of the meeting of the parish, held 24 March, 1794, that William Low was appointed "Saxon," to ring and toll the bell on the Sabbath, and other

days, take care of the meeting-house, and sweep it, for doing which he was to have fifteen dollars a year. He was also to dig graves, when applied to, at the expense of the applicants.

Mr. Low served as "Saxon" four years, and was succeeded by Samuel Foster, who was directed to ring the bell at nine o'clock in the evening, of each week day, in addition to the other duties required of the "Saxon," for which an addition of ten dollars a year was made to his salary.

The next year the nine o'clock bell-ringing was dispensed with, and in the third year of Mr. Foster's service his salary was reduced to nine dollars.

In 1801 Capt. Josiah Converse was appointed sexton, and agreed to ring the bell at one o'clock and nine o'clock each week day, for doing which he was to receive seven dollars a year.

But the job was too good to last, and the next year Dr. Samuel Curtis succeeded Capt. Converse as bell-ringer, and the records show that he received twenty-four dollars for his services that year.

9 September, 1805, an elegant clock was presented to the town by Perkins Nichols, Esq., and placed in the meeting-house directly in front of the desk.

When the house was remodeled, in 1837, it was placed in the town-hall, under the church, where it remained until the court-room was fitted up for a town-hall, when it was removed to the place it now occupies.

At the annual meeting in March, 1812, William Fisk, William Low, William Read, Col. Robert Means, Capt. William Dole, Ebenezer Taylor, and Capt. John Secombe, were appointed a committee to view the meeting-house, and see what part of the seats could be spared for pew-ground, and build pews on the same, dispose of them when completed, and appropriate the money received to the purchase of a town-clock, provided the same shall be done without any expense to the town.

The committee attended to the duty assigned them, caused some pews to be built, and disposed of them, but it would seem that not enough money was received to pay for the clock, as the town voted at the annual meeting in March, 1819, "that unless the committee receive donations in money sufficient to pay the balance due on the clock within sixty days, they should have liberty to sell it, and after paying the balance due, they should pay the balance into the town treasury.

This vote settled the matter. The clock was saved by contributions received, and still remains in its place. It is said to have been made under the direction of Thomas Woolson, jr., who at that time carried on the clock and watch-making business on the Plain.

The clock proved to be an excellent one. After doing duty sixty years it was repaired by Mr. John Carleton, and is now (1882) one of the best time-keepers in the country.

The old bell being cracked, the town, at a meeting held 1 Nov. 1824, authorized the selectmen to exchange it for a new one, provided the expense of so doing should not exceed three hundred dollars. This was accordingly done, and a new bell was procured which was brought to the Plain and suspended temporarily to give it a trial. While in this condition it was broken, it is said, by a heavy blow struck on the *outside* by a sledge.

3 January, 1825, the town authorized the selectmen to pay the damage occasioned by breaking the bell lately purchased for the meeting-house. And they were directed to exchange it for another one, weighing from twelve to sixteen hundred pounds.

This bell did service until 1839, when it was cracked, it is said, in ringing it on the fourth of July. On the twelfth of October of that year, the town empowered the selectmen to sell it and pay the proceeds of the sale, and a sum not exceeding fifty dollars, for a new one. At another meeting, held 13 November, the town authorized the selectmen to purchase a bell weighing fourteen hundred pounds, provided they did not expend more than one hundred dollars, in addition to the sum received for the old bell, in so doing.

The selectmen, however, expended one hundred and fifty dollars, and their action was ratified by the town.

With this sum, and the proceeds of the sale of the old bell, they purchased the bell now in use.

#### THE POST-OFFICE.

The post-office department was organized by the legislature of the state in March, 1786.

Jeremiah Libby was appointed superintendent by the President and Council, agreeably to a resolve of the legislature, passed 4 March, 1786, and he was "required to put the several Posts in motion through the state as soon as possible, as far as circumstances will admit." Nahum Ackerman and Samuel Bean seem to have been appointed post-riders at the same time; the former on the "Northern," the latter on the "Western" route, at a salary of £100 per annum, each. Libby was reappointed 6 July, 1786, and the post-riders, as finally arranged, were

Thomas Smith, of Surry, for the first route.

John Lathrop, of Lebanon, for the second route.

Ozias Silsby, of Acworth, for the third route.

Eben Cram, of Pittsfield, for the fourth route.

William Gordon was appointed post-master at Amherst, by the President and Council, 16 February, 1791.

Post-masters were appointed the same day at Concord, Charlestown, Dover, Exeter, Hanover, Haverhill, Keene, Plaistow, Plymouth, and Portsmouth.

Since the organization of the post-office department, by the general government, the post-masters have been—

	Samuel Curtis.	1811	Aaron Lawrence.
1803	Daniel Prior.	1849	Charles B. Tuttle.
1808	Samuel Foster.	1852	David Russell.
1809	Eli Brown.	1853	Timothy Danforth.
1812	Aaron Whitney.	1855	Nathaniel H. George.
1819	Jedidiah K. Smith.	1861	Hollis E. Abbott.
1826	Isaac Spalding.	1868	Charles Richardson.
1827	John Prentiss.	1869	Horace E. Woodberry.
1829	David Underhill.	1876	Wilson D. Forsaith.

The compensation of the post-master, as stated in the "blue book" in 1817, was \$119.26; in 1822, \$113.96; in 1877, \$626.95; in 1879, \$660.13; and in 1881, \$815.19.

A post-office was established at Amherst station in August, 1881, under the name of "Danforth" P. O., and Charles H. Mackay was appointed post-master.

#### TELEGRAPH OFFICES.

A telegraph office was established in Amherst, in connection with the post-office, in 1859 or 1860, of which N. H. George was the manager. N. H. George and Miss Laura H. George were the operators. Afterward Hollis E. Abbott was the operator. From him it was transferred to Horace E. Woodberry. After Mr. Forsaith was appointed post-master the office was discontinued for six months.

From January to April, 1877, it was in charge of Dr. Edward Aiken. It was then transferred to George L. Palmer, whose connection with it ceased in January, 1878, since which time it has been in the charge of Dr. Aiken.

Another office was established at Amherst station in the autumn of 1881, under the charge of Charles H. Mackay.

## TELEPHONE.

A telephone office was opened at the telegraph office in the house of Dr. Edward Aiken, on the Plain, 7 July, 1882. The telephone is connected, *via* Nashua, with all the wires that run in and from that place. Dr. Aiken is the manager at Amherst.

## NEWSPAPERS.

THE AMHERST JOURNAL AND NEW HAMPSHIRE ADVERTISER, commenced by Nathaniel Coverly 16 January, 1795, was the first newspaper published in Amherst or in Hillsborough County. It was printed on a sheet 18x22 inches, and issued weekly. In the center of the title was a cut of the national eagle, bearing a shield of generous dimensions which gave the paper quite a showy appearance. Its reading matter was made up of selected stories, news from abroad, from two to four months old, and very little of local interest. Mr. Coverly's son became associated with him in the publication of the paper, 24 April, 1795, and it was discontinued at the close of the year.

THE VILLAGE MESSENGER succeeded the Journal 6 January, 1796. William Biglow was the editor; William Biglow and Samuel Cushing, publishers. This paper was a decided improvement upon its predecessor, and made a very creditable appearance. Mr. Biglow soon relinquished the editorial chair, but Mr. Cushing continued the publication of the paper until 18 April, 1797, when he retired, and the establishment passed into the hands of Mr. Samuel Preston, by whom the Messenger was published until 5 December, 1801, when it was discontinued.

THE FARMER'S CABINET, Joseph Cushing, editor and proprietor, succeeded the Messenger 11 November, 1802. Mr. Cushing continued its publication until 10 October, 1809, when, becoming involved in the failure of the Hillsborough Bank, he sold the establishment to Mr. Richard Boylston, at that time a journeyman printer in his office, who continued its publication until 3 January, 1840. His son, Edward D. Boylston, then became associated with him in its management, and continued associate editor until his removal to Manchester, in April, 1843, when the senior editor again assumed the entire charge of the

paper. In August, 1848, his son again became associated with him in its management, and 1 January, 1851, became sole proprietor by purchase, the senior remaining associate editor until 1856. In January, 1869, Albert A. Rotch, son-in-law of the editor, and a graduate from the office, became associate editor, and still continues as such.

THE HILLSBOROUGH TELEGRAPH, Elijah Mansur, editor and publisher, was commenced 1 January, 1820, and discontinued 13 July, 1822. It was a well conducted and well printed paper.

THE AMHERST HERALD, published by Thomas G. Wells and Nathan K. Seaton, was commenced 1 January, 1825, and continued until December of that year, when it was united with the New Hampshire Statesman and Concord Register. It was the offspring of the "Unitarian Controversy" of those times, and advocated Unitarian views.

Quite a number of books and pamphlets were printed at the above named offices, and with a view of enlarging his business as a publisher, Mr. Cushing, shortly before he left town, erected the three story brick building, on the Plain, for its accommodation, which he left in an unfinished state. Hence it was for a long time called "Cushing's folly."

Dr. Samuel Curtis, a citizen of the town, published a Pocket Almanack, or N. H. Register, from 1800 to 1809 inclusive, which was printed by Mr. Cushing in 1804-'5-'6-'7-'8 and '9.

THE PISCATAQUA EVANGELICAL MAGAZINE, conducted mainly by President Appleton, at that time the minister of Hampton, was printed by Mr. Cushing, from 1 January, 1806, until March, 1808.

#### BANKS.

The Hillsborough Bank was incorporated 18 June, 1806, for twenty years, with a capital of from \$50,000 to \$200,000. The corporation was organized 23 July, 1806, when Samuel Bell, Charles H. Atherton, David Everett, Frederick French, and Daniel Prior, were chosen directors. Samuel Bell was chosen president, and David Holmes, cashier, by the directors.

The first bills were issued 17 October, 1806, and were of the denominations of one, two, three, five and ten dollars. They were printed on Perkins's stereotype plates.

Being authorized to issue bills to double the amount of the capital employed, the directors availed themselves of the privilege, as business was good and the money in demand.

Shortly after, in consequence of the course the government thought proper to adopt in reference to the troubles with Great Britain, the commerce of the country was destroyed and its business paralyzed. It became difficult to turn property into money, and the bank suffered in consequence. The holders of its obligations were clamorous for their money; but the bank found it difficult to obtain its dues from its debtors to meet them.

The banks in the commercial centers, which had contracted their circulation to some extent before the storm, were better prepared to meet it. Viewing the country banks as rivals, they pursued an unfriendly course toward them. Finally the bill holders, losing confidence in them, disposed of their bills to speculators at a discount, who at once presented them for payment.

In this emergency, after redeeming its bills until its specie was exhausted, the Hillsborough Bank, 23 August, 1809, suspended payment. 26 September, 1809, its bills were at 10 and 12½ per cent; 17 October, 1809, at 50 per cent discount. Many of the active business men of the place suffered severely by its failure, and some terribly bitter pamphlets were written and published in regard to its management. For years any connection with the management of the "Old Hillsborough Bank" was deemed a reproach by many of the citizens of Amherst.

#### FARMERS' BANK.

A charter for a new bank at Amherst was granted by the legislature at its session held in June, 1822. The grantees, under this charter, met at Ray's Hotel, 31 January, 1825. At this meeting they voted to carry the provisions of their charter into effect as soon as practicable. The capital stock, \$65,000, was subscribed for at once, and 12 February, 1825, the corporation was organized by the choice of Charles H. Atherton, James Wallace, Edmund Parker, Robert Means, Robert Read, Daniel Adams, and Aaron F. Sawyer, as directors. The board of directors organized immediately after by the choice of Charles H. Atherton as president, and John Prentiss, cashier, who served in those offices during the whole period of the existence of the bank.

The affairs of the institution were well managed, and the corporation sustained few losses during the whole term of its existence. Its obligations were promptly met, even through the money crisis of 1837, and at the close of its business, in 1843, the following statement was published in the "Cabinet":

"At a meeting of the stockholders, held 23 January, 1843, the directors were instructed to proceed forthwith to close the concerns of the bank by collecting its debts, paying its liabilities, and dividing its stock as they lawfully may.

The bank went into operation 11 April, 1825. The capital of \$65,000 was fully paid in, and during its existence it furnished for circulation nearly \$5,000,000, the whole of which has been redeemed in specie, or in what the holders preferred to specie, at the rate of \$800 per day, except \$21,000 outstanding at this time. This sum, with \$1458 of deposits, constitutes its whole liabilities.

In 1837-'8, when most of the banks in the Union suspended specie payment, such was the call for specie that the circulation of the bank was reduced to less than \$4000, which was less by \$1000 than the specie then in the vault. Aside from this crisis, the least amount of its bills in circulation at any one time has been \$21,000, the greatest \$65,000,—the average being about \$45,000.

The highest amount of notes discounted at any one time was \$134,000, the lowest \$74,000,—the average amount from \$100,000 to \$110,000.

The average amount of circulation (\$45,000) has been returned to the bank once in about seventy days, or between five and six times a year.

Ten suits only have been instituted by the bank, and all but two of these at the request of sureties, to save the debt from a failing principal.

The losses of the bank from counterfeit bills, failure of other banks, and fraud, amounted to \$1503. No counterfeit bill of the bank ever came to the knowledge of its officers.

It paid to the school fund \$5450, and made its regular dividends, averaging three and one half per cent annually, and had, 23 January, 1843, a surplus of \$10,000."

12 March, 1847, Charles H. Atherton gave notice that he was prepared to make a final close of the affairs of the "Farmers' Bank," by paying the stockholders their stock in full, with a small surplus.

1 May, 1839, an attempt was made to rob the Farmers' Bank, by an Englishman who gave his name as John Jones. The cashier was awakened and succeeded in securing the burglar before he had accomplished his object.



At the session of the court held in September following, he was sentenced to ten days of solitary confinement, and imprisonment for life at hard labor in the State prison. His real name was said to be John Honeyman.



RESIDENCE OF CHARLES RICHARDSON, Esq.

Built by the Hillsborough Bank, and used as a banking house; also used as a banking house by the Farmers' Bank from 1825 to 1843.

#### THE SECOND NEW HAMPSHIRE TURNPIKE.

Application having been made to the legislature by parties interested in building a turnpike from Amherst to Newport for an act of incorporation, the town voted, at a meeting held 18 November, 1799, "to oppose the granting of the petition, unless the old roads, as now traveled, should remain free for ever, notwithstanding the turnpike may go partly in them or across them, and that where they go through private property and the associates can not agree with the owner or owners of the land, the appraisal of

damages shall be made by the selectmen of the town in which the land lies."

The turnpike company was incorporated 26 December, 1799, for the purpose of building and managing a road from "lottery bridge," in Claremont, to Amherst Plain, near the court-house.

It was provided in the act of incorporation that at the end of every ten years from the time of setting up the first toll-gate, an account of the receipts and expenses of the corporation should be laid before the judges of the Superior Court, and if the profits exceeded twelve per cent they might reduce the tolls so that they should not exceed that amount, and if they were not six per cent they might raise them so that the profits should not be less than six nor more than twelve per cent. It was also provided that the road should be built within ten years from the passage of the act, and that the State might at any time, after forty years from the time of granting the charter, take possession of the road by paying the corporation the cost of its construction and twelve per cent of the same additional, from which was to be deducted the amount of the dividends which had actually been received by the proprietors.

The road was promptly built in as nearly a direct line as possible from Amherst Plain, through the village of Mont Vernon, making a hilly, uncomfortable route. The judges had no occasion to reduce the tolls, and the proprietors were willing to relinquish the road years before the time expired, when, by the terms of the charter, the State might take possession.

15 April, 1837. Agreeably to a vote of the proprietors, all the gates on the Second New Hampshire Turnpike were thrown open, and the road was made free from that day.

The act of incorporation was repealed by the General Court 4 July, 1837, and the care of the road thenceforth devolved upon the towns through which it passed.

#### COMMITTEE OF SAFETY.

A Committee of Safety was chosen annually during the war for Independence. This committee was in correspondence with the committees chosen in other towns, and with the State committee on matters relating to the public welfare. Its members were as follows:

1776.	Josiah Crosby, William Bradford, Peter Woodbury, Thomas Burns, Robert Means,	Oliver Carlton, Timothy Smith,
		1779. John Bradford, Oliver Carlton, Hezekiah Lovejoy,
1777.	Hezekiah Lovejoy, Stephen Peabody, Nathaniel Howard, Josiah Crosby, John Bradford,	James Hartshorn, Robert Means, Hezekiah Lovejoy, Amos Flint,
		1780. Robert Means, Hezekiah Lovejoy, Amos Flint,
1778.	John Bradford, John Seaton, Hezekiah Lovejoy.	1781. James Woodbury, William Peabody, William Hogg, William Bradford, jr.

#### PIONEER BRICK-MAKERS.

William and Nathaniel Melendy and Timothy Hutchinson carried on the brick-making business on the place now owned by Bryant Melendy, probably as early as 1780. The bricks were used in building the enormous chimneys common in those days.

The bricks for the three-story brick store on the plain, the old bank building, and the house now occupied by Hon. Harrison Eaton, were made on Capt. Eli Brown's place on the turnpike, now known as the "Lord" place, by William and Nathaniel Melendy and the Chamberlain brothers, of Lyndeborough.

The bricks for the court-house (now town-house) were made by Timothy Danforth on the place now owned by Bryant Melendy.

#### CARD MANUFACTORY.

The manufacture of machine-cards seems to have been commenced in Amherst by Thomas Woolson, jr., as early as September, 1813. In November of that year, Alonzo Snow & Co. were engaged in it. It was afterward carried on by David Holmes and Holmes & White. At first the leathers were punched and the teeth cut and bent by machinery made for the purpose. The setting of the teeth furnished employment for the women and children of the town. The introduction of the Whittemore card-machine, by which the leathers were punched and the teeth cut, bent, and set by machinery, dispensed with the hand-setting.

In 1828 Mr. White removed the manufactory to Belvidere, now a part of Lowell, where it remained until 1835, when it was again removed to a shop on the Middlesex Corporation, where the business was carried on by White & Puffer. Their shop was burned in 1843, and in

1844 new shops were built on Market street where the business was carried on some years. In 1850 Mr. White sold his interest in the concern and removed to Illinois. The business was then carried on by Puffer & Howe, afterward by Howe & Goodwin, and the Lowell Card Company, the business being after a time removed to Middle street. In 1874 a large building was erected at the corner of Shattuck and Market street, in which the business of the company is now carried on.

#### THE WHIP BUSINESS.

The manufacture of whips was carried on in Boston several years by John David, the eldest brother of Deacon Barnabas B. David. He died in Boston 20 September, 1820.

1 January, 1821, Samuel B. Melendy, of Amherst, and Barnabas B. David, entered into partnership and commenced the business in the shop once occupied by Mr. David's brother. The business proving remunerative, measures were soon taken to increase it. In 1823 Mr. Melendy returned to Amherst and commenced business in the "Manning" shop which stood near the Taylor bridge on the Nashua road. The shop was enlarged and several hands were employed. In 1825 a sales-room was opened in New York, and about the same time one in New Orleans. Mr. David also visited Europe for the purpose of gaining information in regard to the business. In 1830 the manufactory was established on Amherst Plain, a new shop having been fitted up for its accommodation. Mr. David at that time took up his residence in Amherst. In 1837 Mr. Charles L. Stewart was hired to take charge of the business in New York city, and about the same time Mr. Henry Howard, jr., took charge of the business at Dock Square in Boston. Mr. Stewart became a member of the firm in 1847, and finally purchased the interest of his partners in the New York branch of the business. For many years the firm did a large and successful business, but finally, as competition became sharp and the profits of the business small, it was relinquished.

Timothy Danforth, Esq., carried on the business for several years with a moderate degree of success. He continued in the business, on a small scale, until his death.

David Holmes, Esq., a resident of Amherst, who had been engaged in the manufacture of cards, relinquished the card business, removed to Lowell, and engaged in the whip business with a Mr. Barnes, once in the employ of Messrs. Melendy & David. The undertaking did not prove to be a successful one, and was soon relinquished.

## AMHERST SOCIAL LIBRARY.

Samuel Dana, Joshua Atherton, Jeremiah Barnard, Samuel Wilkins, Daniel Campbell, John Shepard, Daniel Warner, Robert Fletcher, Jonathan Smith, Samuel Curtis, and their associates, were, by an act of the legislature, approved 21 June, 1797, incorporated as the Amherst Library Society. They were empowered to establish rules for the government of the corporation, to enjoin penalties of disfranchisement, and fines not exceeding ten dollars, and to hold real and personal estate not exceeding three thousand dollars in value. The time of the annual meeting was fixed on the first Monday of January, but might be held on any other day the proprietors thought fit to appoint.

This society continued in existence about thirty-five years. It was finally dissolved, and its books sold at auction, 25 February, 1832.

## THE FRANKLIN SOCIETY

was organized 16 September, 1807, for the improvement of its members in literary pursuits. It consisted of a number of young men who met every second Wednesday for the discussion of literary subjects, declamations, and the reading of original compositions.

The clergymen in this and the neighboring towns, most of whom were honorary members of the society, and many of the elderly citizens of the town, frequently attended the meetings, and took part in the exercises.

A library of 240 volumes of valuable books was purchased, and additions were made from time to time by funds derived from assessments on the members.

The society continued in existence until 23 May, 1818, when it was disbanded, and its library was sold.

The following list of members is copied from the Book of Records :

Herman Abbott,	John Farner,	David McG. Means,
Samuel Abbott,	Allen Fisk,	William F. Morrison,
Abraham Andrews,	Benjamin F. French,	Harrison G. Otis, jr.,
Charles H. Atherton,	William Gordon,	Edmund Parker,
John P. Batchelder,	Alonzo S. Greenville,	James Perkins,
John Burnam,	Levi Harsthor,	Robert Read,
Joseph Bell,	Jacob Holmes,	David Secombe,
William Claggett,	Joshua Holt,	Matthias Spalding, jr.,
Nathan R. Clough,	Eugene Hutchinson,	Gustavus Swan,
Joseph Cushing,	Isaac Hill,	Ebenezer Taylor, jr.,
Elisha E. Elam,	George Kimball,	Henry J. Tudor,
Caleb Emerson,	Joseph B. Manning,	Andrew Wallace,
Luther Farley,		

## THE "HANDELLIAN SOCIETY."

Mr. Hill said in the New Hampshire *Patriot*, 18 April, 1809, the first number of that paper issued by him :

"At the ordination of Rev. Nathaniel Kennedy, of Litchfield, several pieces of music were performed by a select choir from Amherst, which added much to the solemnities of the day, and evinced a correct taste and a love for genuine harmony."

Much of the commendation bestowed upon the performances of a "select choir from Amherst" was doubtless due to the efforts of the "Handellian Musical Society," incorporated in June, 1805, and composed of residents in Amherst and the neighboring towns, the professed objects of the society being to "cultivate the art of music, to acquire and diffuse a correct taste, and to enjoy the refined pleasures of harmony." The society continued in existence more than twenty-five years, and, judging from the reports of Mr. Hill, met with a reasonable share of success in its efforts.

## FREE MASONRY.

A charter for Benevolent Lodge, No. 7, F. & A. Masons, was granted by the Grand Lodge of New Hampshire, 26 April, 1797, and the Lodge was organized on the last Tuesday of May in that year. Samuel Dana was appointed W. Master; Jonathan Gove, Senior Warden, and Luther Dana, Junior Warden.

This Lodge continued in successful operation quite a number of years, and many of the citizens of Amherst were connected with it as members. At last, as a majority of its members resided in Milford Brookline, and Wilton, at a meeting held 20 March, 1826, it was voted unanimously to remove said lodge from Amherst to Milford, on condition that whenever two-thirds of the members were in favor of restoring it to Amherst the minority should cheerfully acquiesce in its removal.

Samuel Dana, Daniel Warner, Charles H. Atherton, Aaron Whitney, and Ephraim Blanchard, were among the citizens of Amherst who served as W. Masters of the lodge while it remained in town. It became dormant in 1832, but was revived and is again in operation. There are but two older lodges now in existence in the state.

An amusing story is told of Rev. Humphrey Moore, of Milford, in connection with this lodge. Mr. Moore was not a Mason, but being present at one of the public meetings of the lodge, was asked to act as chaplain. Complying with the request, he prayed as follows :

"O Lord, we come here to pray to thee, we know not for what. If thith inthituthion be a good one, wilt thou bleth it. If it be an evil one, wilt thou curth it. Amen." (Mr. Moore was unable to sound the letter s.)

Mr. Boylston gives the following account of a public meeting of Benevolent Lodge No. 7, at Amherst, 14 May, 1821 : "The Benevolent Lodge, No. 7, held its annual meeting in this town on Monday last, May 14, at Masons' Hall. In the afternoon the officers were publicly installed, and the hall was crowded with a respectable audience of ladies and gentlemen to witness the (to them) novel ceremony. The exercises were solemn and impressive. Sacred music and prayer commenced the proceedings, and the officers were invested with their jewels or badges of office, with injunctions to duty, which, if they perform, they will not only be good Masons, but good Christians."

#### SOUHEGAN GRANGE.

Souhegan Grange, No. 10, Patrons of Husbandry, was formed 5 December, 1873, with sixteen members, and is now (April, 1882) the largest and most flourishing Grange in the state.

It holds its regular meetings for Grange work, the discussion of topics of interest to farmers, and literary exercises, on the Thursday of or preceding the full moon, and the second Thursday following. Its past masters have been, James U. Prince, one year; Aaron S. Wilkins,

two years; Thomas M. Harvell, two years; James G. Haseltine, two years.

Present Master, George E. Hollbrook; Granville Parker, Overseer; Aaron M. Wilkins, Lecturer; George Armstrong, Steward; George F. Hill, Assistant Steward; James M. Jackson, Chaplain; James F. Weston, Secretary; Edward Caldwell, Treasurer; Charles E. Wilkins, Gate Keeper; Mrs. A. M. Wilkins, Ceres; Mrs. J. H. Drucker, Pomona; Miss Cora B. Fisher, Flora; Mrs. George F. Hill, Lady Assistant Steward; Miss Ella Kinson, Chorister. Number of members, 150.

#### UNITED ORDER OF THE GOLDEN CROSS.

Instituted 1 July, 1881, with 27 members. Officers chosen semi-annually.

Its officers, for the term ending 30 June, 1882, were—

P. N. C., George W. Putnam.

N. C., W. H. Dinsmore.

V. N. C., Lucy A. Wilkins.

W. P., William Pratt.

N. K. R., W. B. Rotch.

F. K. R., Fannie A. Wilkins.

W. T., A. M. Wilkins.

W. H., W. D. Forsaith.

W. I. G., Jennie P. Hartshorn.

W. O. G., Henry M. Parker.

Number of members, 1 May, 1882, 34.

#### FIRE RECORD.

The house of Solomon Hutchinson, at the north-east Corner of the common, on the Plain, was burnt in 1764. A two-pound Province note, belonging to Mr. Hutchinson, was destroyed by the fire, the amount of which the General Court, at its next session, voted to pay him.

The first meeting-house, or court-house, was burnt by an incendiary, 15 March, 1788.

Two barns belonging to Joshua Atherton, Esq., in which his hay, grain, etc., were stored, were burnt by Michael Keiff, 7 January, 1790. Four cows perished in the flames.

A house on the Plain, owned by Col. Robert Means, and occupied by Robert M. King, was burnt Sunday, 19 September, 1807. By timely aid from the people in attendance at the meeting-house, most of the



furniture in the house was saved, and the fire was prevented from destroying other buildings near by.

A cooper's shop, belonging to Capt. Nathaniel Emerson, was burnt in October, 1809.

The blacksmith shop occupied by Mr. Aaron Whitney, took fire and was consumed on the evening of 5 April, 1815. But a portion of the contents was saved.

A fire was discovered in the wheelwright shop, occupied by Jonathan Foster, about 2 o'clock in the morning of 19 September, 1818, which destroyed the shop and its contents.

Luther Pearson's wagon manufactory, situated about three fourths of a mile south of the village, with most of the contents, was burned 7 September, 1820. Loss estimated at \$300, including a lot of unfinished wagons, and two \$20 bank bills. The building was owned by Robert Means, Esq.

Samuel Hildreth's dwelling-house, and most of the contents, was burnt 15 November, 1821. The fire took while the family were absent, and had made such progress when it was discovered that all efforts to check it, or save the contents of the house, were unavailing.

A fire occurred in the three-story brick building on the Plain, 25 February, 1830, which was extinguished before any great damage was done to the building.

A barn belonging to Mr. Thomas M. Benden, situated near his dwelling-house and store on the Plain, was set on fire by an incendiary, and consumed 6 August, 1839. It was filled with hay, and burnt with great rapidity, and it was only by great and persevering efforts on the part of the citizens and firemen present that the adjoining buildings were saved. Loss \$250; insured for \$100.

A slight fire on the roof of the Unitarian church, owing to a defect in the chimney, occurred 22 March, 1840.

The dwelling-house of Mrs. Betsey Prince, in the north-east part of the town, was burnt, with most of the contents, 13 February, 1841. A defect in the chimney is supposed to have been the cause.

The large barn on the pauper farm was burnt 3 April, 1847. Twenty-two head of cattle perished in the flames. Loss estimated at \$2,500; no insurance. The barn had been built but a few years, and was one of the largest and best in town. The fire was set by an insane pauper.

The barn, shed, and store, of Mr. John Moor, near his dwelling-house on the Plain, were burnt Saturday evening, 14 October, 1848. The fire was discovered in the barn, whence it was communicated to the shed and store. A cow in the barn was saved, and most of the goods in the store, which were but slightly damaged. Insurance \$1000, which nearly covered the loss.

The Amherst steam-mill buildings were burnt 25 March, 1849. The engine and chimney were but slightly damaged. The loss to the occupants of the shops, in tools and stock, was a serious one. The buildings and machinery were insured for \$7,000. The fire was probably communicated from a heated bearing.

A fire was discovered in a building near the county jail, occupied by James Monroe as a livery stable, on the morning of 14 June, 1850, which, in its progress, consumed the building in which it originated, together with a barn, shed, and dwelling-house near by, owned by Mr. Enos B. Crooker, and the roof of the county jail. In the attic of the jail the gallows on which Farmer was hung was stored, which was also burnt.

The barn and corn-barn of Mr. Amos Green, in the west part of the town, was burnt 4 February, 1851. The fire was set by an insane member of the family.

A slight fire occurred at the steam mill of Mr. Jonathan Knight, at the west end of the Plain, 4 August, 1859. Loss from \$100 to \$200.

The dwelling-house of Dea. Aaron Lawrence, on the Plain, was burnt Sunday morning, 2 September, 1860. The most valuable part of the furniture was saved. Loss estimated at from \$3,000 to \$4,000. Insured for \$1,200.

2 December, 1863, 2:15 A. M. The large barn on the Plain, owned by David Stewart, was discovered to be on fire, and was shortly consumed. The flames were blown directly on the Hardy tavern stand, which, together with the store adjoining, and the old Means store, a few feet distant from the last, were totally destroyed. Mr. Stewart's residence and the hotel stable were saved by the unremitting exertions of the firemen and citizens. The goods in the first story of the store were mostly saved; those in the cellar and second story were destroyed. The large flag displayed on the liberty pole on the common was also burned, and the old burying-ground was burned over. In the barn four cows and one horse were burnt. Loss on barn and contents \$1,000; insured for \$400. Loss on store and goods \$4,000; covered by insurance; and on the flag, \$100. The fire was supposed to be the work of an incendiary.

The old Nutt tavern stand on the Plain, and the barn of Luther W. Nichols, on the opposite side of the street, were burnt 1 July, 1865. Insurance on the tavern house, \$2,000, and \$100 on the barn. The fires were the work of an incendiary, for whose apprehension a reward was offered.

A slight fire on the roof of the three-story brick building on the Plain, 29 July, 1865, took from a spark from the furnace chimney.

The main buildings of the Atherton mansion were burnt 6 November, 1865. The fire was supposed to have taken from a defect in the chimney.

The freight depot, and wood-shed near by, at Danforth's corner, were burnt 5 March, 1867. Fortunately the shed was empty. The depot contained one car, and nine hundred corn-planters, which were consumed. The fire was supposed to be the work of an incendiary.

The house and barn of Stephen H. Barrett, near Stickney's mills, on the Nashua road, were burnt 28 June, 1867. But little was saved from the house, and a valuable cow perished in the barn. Insurance, \$40,000, was paid on the house.

A small barn, containing a quantity of hay, was burnt on "the acre," in the west part of the town, near Milford village, 24 September, 1868.

The dwelling-house formerly owned and occupied by Daniel Campbell, Esq., situated on the old New Boston road, was burnt 11 May, 1869.

The house of Warren Damon, on the Hollis road, two miles south of the village, was burnt Friday morning, 24 September, 1869, with most of its contents.

13 August, 1870. A fire kindled among the brush on a newly cleared lot east of Rodney Howard's house, in the east part of the town, ran over nearly seventy-five acres of land, destroying some five hundred cords of hard wood, and about seventy-five cords of hemlock bark, which was corded up on the lot ready for the market. Loss estimated at \$3,000.

The "Amherst Hotel" was burnt, on the morning of 25 January, 1876, with most of its contents. The loss was said to have been nearly covered by the insurance.

A large barn on the Isaac Upham place, on Chestnut hill, was burnt 22 February, 1882, with ten head of neat cattle, three shotes, and one sheep. The fire was set from matches in the hands of a careless boy.

#### HUNTERS' EXPLOITS.

30 July, 1805. A striped snake was killed sometime last week by Mr. Nathan Fuller, of this town, in which were between eighty and ninety young ones, the smallest being five inches in length.

About 1812, a large otter was killed by Mr. Jacob Durant, in the brook which crosses the road leading to Thomas B. Parker's, near its junction with the road leading to Mr. George H. Shaw's. The animal was apparently gnawing a root under the bank when discovered by Mr. Durant, who approached softly and killed him with a club.

A lynx, weighing twenty-two and a half pounds, and measuring five feet nine inches in length, from the extremities of his fore and hind legs, was shot on a tree, sixty feet from the ground, in the south part of the town, in 1839.

A huge wild cat was shot near the residence of Hiram D. Stearns, about half a mile south of the village, 1 February, 1849. He was first discovered by John Lovejoy, who was hunting foxes about a mile and a half east of the Plain. His dogs, being put upon the animal's track, chased him into a hen-coop, where he was shot by Robert Boutell. His length from claw to claw was four feet, and his weight, though very thin in flesh, was twenty pounds.

A tortoise, weighing thirty-three pounds, and an ugly looking customer, was captured in Little Babboosuck pond, in August, 1849, by Orvis P. Young and George W. George.

A cat of the lynx species, probably the one that had done considerable mischief in Amherst and vicinity, was killed in Antrim, in January 1859.

Henry A. Nichols and Alfred Moore, while out on a coon hunting excursion, in November, 1859, captured a hedge-hog, weighing seventeen pounds, and brought him home. Their dogs brought home some sore noses as their share of the exploit.

10 November, 1864. Andrew J. Kidder and Fred Ford, shot five coons from one tree, which weighed in the aggregate, seventy-three pounds.

December, 1867. George Kent, a deaf mute, has the past season taken 1168 trout and 125 pickerel from ponds and brooks within three miles of Amherst village.

October, 1867. Isaac P. Weston recently trapped a cat owl which measured four feet and four inches from tip to tip of its wings.

August, 1867. Bee hunters have been quite successful of late. William Melendy and John Lovejoy last week took a swarm in Lyndeborough, from which they obtained some ninety pounds of honey.

Joseph E. Hassell killed a black snake, seven feet two inches in length, which measured nine and a fourth inches in circumference, 10 October, 1873.

#### A BEAR HUNT.

Many years ago an old she bear troubled the fathers exceedingly by her depredations among the juvenile porkers and the nice roasting ears in the corn-fields. Having discovered her haunt, the men and boys in the vicinity turned out one day resolved upon her destruction. Chasing her

into a swamp it was decided to station one of the number, properly armed, at the outlet to shoot her, while the remainder should go into the swamp and drive her within reach of the sentry's gun. One of the company, a man of decided grit, the leader of the party, had an excellent gun, and he was selected to remain as sentry. Another of the company, whose reputation for courage was not very good, begged to be allowed to remain as sentinel, as he was lame and could not walk. The owner of the gun told him he was a coward, and would not dare to fire at the bear if she came within reach. He replied that he would shoot the bear. He was not afraid of bears, would fight a dozen at once if necessary. After a good deal of discussion it was decided to give him the gun and let him act as sentinel. The rest of the party proceeded into the swamp and soon found Mistress Bruin, who was speedily put on the back track, while they followed leisurely, expecting to hear a report from their comrade at the outlet.

On arriving within sight of that worthy, he called to them, asking why they had n't been along five minutes sooner? Has the bear been here? asked the owner of the gun. *Been here!* Why she came and sat down and looked me in the face as much as five minutes, and you might have shot her just as well as not if you had been here. You plagg'd coward; why did n't you shoot her. Shoot her! Why, I forgot that I had a gun with me. I forgot all about it. After upbraiding the sentry roundly for his cowardice, the party broke up, thoroughly disgusted with the day's operations.

#### COLLEGE GRADUATES FROM AMHERST.

##### HARVARD COLLEGE.

(1882). Names of those now living are in Italics.

Name.	Date.	Profession.	Died.	Age—
John Wilkins,	1764.	Instructor, at Athens,	O.,	1808. 68
Jacob Kimball,	1788.	Farmer, Amherst,	1 Aug.,	1849. 81
Charles H. Atherton,	1794.	Lawyer, Amherst,	8 Jan.,	1853. 79
Daniel Weston,	1795.	Clergyman, in Maine,		1837.
William Gordon,	1806.	Lawyer, Brattleboro', Vt.,	12 Jan.,	1871. 83
Jonathan F. Dana,*	1813.	Physician, N. Y. city,	April,	1827. 33
Samuel L. Dana,	1813.	Chemist, Lowell, Mass.,	11 March,	1868. 72
John H. Wilkins,	1818.	Bookseller, Boston,	5 Dec.,	1861. 67
Charles G. Atherton,	1822.	Lawyer, Manchester,	14 Nov.,	1853. 49
Stephen R. Holmes,	1822.	Instructor, at sea,	11 January,	1830. 28

\*Name changed to James by Legislature of Massachusetts.

## DARTMOUTH COLLEGE.

Name.	Date.	Profession.	Died.	Age.
Joshua Heywood,	1795.	Cler'man,	Dunstable, M's., 11 Nov. 1814.	51
Reuben D. Mussey,	1803.	Physician,	Boston, 21 June, 1866.	86
James McK. Wilkins,	1812.	Lawyer,	Manchester, 18 June, 1855.	70
Levi Hartshorn,	1813.	Clergyman,	Amherst, 27 Sept., 1819.	33
Allen Fisk,	1814.	Instructor,	18 September, 1875.	86
Ambrose Seaton,*	1825.	Physician,	Maysville, Ky., 9 April, 1866.	61
Charles F. Elliott,	1829.	Physician,	Somersworth, 23 June, 1876.	72
Edward Spalding,	1833.	Physician.		
Charles E. Parker,	1834.	Physician,	Beardstown, Ill., 23 Aug. 1882.	69
William Read,	1839.	Physician.		
Edward H. Pratt,	1841.	Physician,	Somersworth, 15 Nov., 1857.	51
Alfred Spalding,*	1843.	Physician,	Greenup, Ky., 20 Dec., 1878.	63
Edward Aiken,	1851.	Physician.		
John H. Clark,	1857.	Physician.		
Charles H. Wallace,	1857.	Studied law,	Amherst, 21 June, 1861.	25
Vaola J. Hartshorn,	1860.	Clergyman.		
Warren Upham,	1871.	Civil Engineer.		

## DARTMOUTH UNIVERSITY.

Name.	Date.	Profession.
Samuel Whiting,	1818.	Lawyer, Mason, N. H.

## BOWDOIN COLLEGE.

Name.	Date.	Profession.	Died.	Age.
Robert Means, Jr.,	1807.	Lawyer,	Lowell, Mass., 26 Sept., 1842.	56
William Appleton,	1826.	Lawyer,	Cincinnati, O., 19 Oct., 1830.	21
James Means,	1833.	Clergyman,	Newbern, N. C., Apr., 1863.	50

## AMHERST COLLEGE.

Name.	Date.	Profession.
William O. Baldwin,	1851.	Clergyman.
John E. Wheeler,	1857.	Clergyman.
William B. Clark,	1865.	Banker.

## WILLIAMS COLLEGE.

Name.	Profession.	Died.	Age.
Edward C. David,	Lawyer.		
William G. David,	Physician,	Lyons, N. Y., 17 Aug., 1877.	46

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\* Graduate of Medical College.

## LAWYERS IN AMHERST.

MOSES PARSONS, a native of Newbury, Mass., graduated at Harvard College 1765; read law with Gen. John Sullivan; practiced at Newmarket until 1773; came thence to Amherst, where he remained until 1775; died, 1801.

JOSHUA ATHERTON, from Harvard, Mass., graduated at Harvard College in 1762; read law with Abel Willard, of Lancaster, and James Putnam, of Worcester; commenced practice at Petersham, Mass., in 1765; removed to Litchfield the same year, thence to Merrimack, in 1767; came to Amherst in the summer of 1773, where he remained until his death, April, 1809.

SAMUEL DANA, born in Cambridge, Mass., graduated at Harvard College in 1755; was minister of Groton, Mass., 1761-75. Being suspected of toryism, by his people, he resigned his office; came to Amherst in 1781; studied law with Joshua Atherton; commenced practice in 1783; Register and Judge of Probate for Hillsborough County; died 2 April, 1798.

WILLIAM GORDON, from Boston, Mass., graduated at Harvard College in 1779; read law with Joshua Atherton; commenced practice in 1787; representative in Congress 1797-1800; Register of Probate and Attorney-General of New Hampshire; died in Boston 8 May, 1802.

CHARLES HUMPHREY ATHERTON, son of Joshua Atherton, born in Amherst, graduated at Harvard College in 1794; read law with Joshua Atherton and William Gordon; commenced practice in 1797; representative in Congress 1815-17; Register of Probate 1798-1837; died 8 January, 1853.

DAVID EVERETT, born in Princeton, Mass., graduated at Dartmouth College in 1795; read law with John M. Forbes; practiced in Boston a short time; came to Amherst in 1802; returned to Boston in 1807, where, in 1809, he engaged in establishing the *Boston Patriot*. He was afterward engaged in other newspaper establishments. Died at Marietta, Ohio, 6 Dec., 1813.

JEDEDIAH KILBURN SMITH, born in Amherst; son of Jonathan Smith; not a college graduate; read law with Samuel Dana; commenced practice about 1800; representative in Congress 1807-9; lacked but one vote of being chosen Senator in Congress in 1810; was counselor and post-master many years; died, a victim of intemperance, in December, 1828.

EDMUND PARKER, born in Jaffrey, N. H., graduated at Dartmouth College in 1803, in the class with Henry Hubbard, Reuben D. Mussey, and Judge Nathan Weston, of Maine; commenced practice in 1807, succeeded to the business of David Everett; was Solicitor of Hillsbo-

rough county, Judge of Probate, and representative; removed to Nashua in 1835, where he was agent for the Jackson Manufacturing Company several years; died in Claremont September, 1856.

**SAMUEL BELL**, son of John Bell, Esq., of Londonderry, graduated at Dartmouth College in 1793; read law with Judge Samuel Dana; commenced practice in Francestown; removed to Amherst in 1808; remained here until 1811, when he removed to Chester. While here he built the house now owned by Hon. Harrison Eaton. He was governor of the state three years, and United States senator twelve years; died in Chester December, 1850.

**NATHANIEL SHATTUCK**, born in Temple, graduated at Dartmouth College in 1801, in the class with Daniel Webster; read law with Benj. J. Gilbert, of Hanover, and Timothy Biglow, of Groton, Mass.; admitted to the Middlesex County Bar in 1804; commenced practice in Milford in 1806; removed to Amherst prior to 1812, where he remained until 1830; removed to Brookline, afterward to Mason; died in the Asylum for the Insane, at Concord, September, 1864, aged ninety years. He was the last survivor of his class in college.

**CLIFTON CLAGGETT**, son of Hon. Wyseman Claggett, was born in Portsmouth; not a college graduate; read law with his father; commenced practice in Litchfield in 1787; removed to Amherst in 1811; was representative in Congress six years; Justice of the Superior Court of New Hampshire, and Judge of Probate for Hillsborough county; died in January, 1829.

**ROBERT MEANS, JR.**, son of Col. Robert Means, graduated at Bowdoin College in 1807; read law with Charles H. Atherton and Jeremiah Mason; commenced practice in Amherst, and remained there until 1831; he removed to Lowell, where he died in September, 1842.

**ELISHA FULLER WALLACE**, born in Amherst, now Milford; graduated at Dartmouth College in 1811; read law with Solomon K. Livermore; practiced his profession in Marblehead, Mass; removed to Amherst in 1820, where he was clerk of the courts of Hillsborough county; removed to Syracuse, New York, in 1825; died in 1870, aged seventy-eight.

**ANDREW WALLACE**, a native of Amherst, now Milford; not a college graduate; read law with Nathaniel Shattuck and Daniel Abbott; practiced in Mont Vernon and Hancock; came to Amherst in 1824; was clerk of the courts in Hillsborough county fifteen years; resumed practice in 1839; died in September, 1856.

**EZRA PRESCOTT** commenced practice in Francestown, whence, in 1824, he removed to Greenfield; was elected Register of Deeds for Hillsborough county in the spring of 1828; removed to Amherst in the



autumn of that year, where he resumed the practice of his profession in 1840. He died in September, 1845, aged sixty-four.

HUBBARD NEWTON graduated at Dartmouth College in 1804; practiced his profession at Newport; came to Amherst in 1835, succeeding to the business of Edmund Parker. After about five years he returned to Newport, where he died in 1847.

PERLEY DODGE, born in New Boston; graduated at Union College in 1824; read law with Titus Brown and Nehemiah Eastman; commenced practice in Francestown in 1828; removed thence to New Boston in 1832; came to Amherst shortly after, where he is still living (1882).

BERNARD BEMUS WHITTEMORE, born in Boston, Mass., graduated at Harvard College in 1839; read law with Atherton & Sawyer, of Nashua, and attended Dane Law School, at Cambridge, Mass.; commenced practice in Nashua in 1843; came to Amherst the same year, where he remained until 1845, when he returned to Nashua. He is now engaged in the publication of the *Nashua Gazette*.

WILLIAM SAXTON MORTON, born in Roxbury, Mass., graduated at Harvard College in 1831; read law with Sidney Bartlett, Esq.; commenced practice in the office of Perley Dodge in 1840; remained here but a short time; died in Quincy, Mass., in September, 1871.

PRESBURY WEST, JR., born in St. Johnsbury, Vt., and George W. Morrison opened an office in the Farmers' Bank building in 1845. Mr. West read law with Isaac Fletcher, Esq., and commenced practice in Fairlee, Vt. He remained in Amherst but a short time, and the business of the firm was transferred to Manchester.

STEPHEN PEABODY, son of William Peabody, Esq., of Amherst, now Milford, graduated at Harvard College in 1803; read law with Solomon K. Livermore, John Phillips, and David Everett; practiced his profession in Exeter and Portsmouth, but relinquished it and engaged in farming in Milford. He was appointed Register of Probate for Hillsborough county in 1839, and removed to Amherst. After leaving this office he resumed the practice of law; died in January, 1847.

#### PHYSICIANS.

MOSES NICHOLS, from Reading, Mass., settled here as early as 1761, and remained in practice until his death in May, 1790. He was an active and influential citizen, and filled many important civil and military offices. At the head of his regiment he commenced the attack upon the Hessians at Bennington in 1777. He also commanded a regiment at West Point, at the time of Arnold's treason, in 1780.

**SETH AMES**, from Dedham, Mass., brother of the celebrated orator and statesman, Fisher Ames, graduated at Harvard College in 1764 in the class with John Wilkins; practiced here from about 1770 to 1777, when his health failing from the excessive use of snuff, he relinquished practice and returned to Dedham, where he died 1 January, 1778.

**HENRY CODMAN**, son of Henry Codman, an Irish immigrant, was born in Middleton, Mass. His mother was a near relative of Rev. Mr. Wilkins. He practiced here nearly forty years, and died in March, 1812. His son, Henry Codman, practiced in Mont Vernon a short time, but died young.

**EBENEZER WESTON, JR.** was in practice here some years. "Weston's Itch Ointment," of which tons were manufactured by Read & Spalding, originated with him.

**SAMUEL CURTIS**, from Sharon, Mass., graduated at Harvard College in 1766; was a surgeon in the army of the Revolution; settled in Amherst in 1789, and was in practice here a few years. He finally gave up his professional business for that of an inn-keeper. He also kept an apothecary's store in his tavern; compiled and published a pocket almanac and register several years, beside other publications of various kinds, and served as post-master several years. In his old age he loved to hear and tell the news and relate rare instances which had come under his personal observation or of which he had heard. Being rather credulous, some of the stories he reported would have done credit to the "Pickwick Club." He died in 1822.

**MOSES NICHOLS, JR.**, son of Gen. Moses Nichols, studied his profession under the direction of his father and commenced practice here in 1784; removed to Thornton in 1787, thence to Canada in 1802; returned to Amherst in 1805; remained here until 1811 when he again removed to Canada. He died at Sherbrooke, Canada, in November, 1849.

**NATHANIEL HENCHMAN**, from Lynn, Mass., settled here in 1783, and remained in practice until his death in May, 1800.

**JOHN MUSSEY**, a native of Kingston, studied his profession with Gen. Nichols; settled in Pelham in 1766; in Amherst in 1791, where he remained until 1800, when he removed to Peterborough, where he died in January, 1831. He was father of Prof. Reuben Dimond Mussey, the celebrated surgeon and instructor in surgery.

**ROGERS SMITH**, born in Middleton, Mass., came, in infancy, with his father's family, to Amherst; commenced practice prior to 1804; removed to Mont Vernon in 1808, thence to Greenbush, N. Y., finally to Weston, Vt., where he died in 1846. He was father of Rev. Asa Dodge Smith, the president of Dartmouth College from 1863 to 1871.

**MATTHIAS SPALDING**, son of Col. Simeon Spalding, of Chelmsford, Mass., graduated at Harvard College in 1738; studied medicine with Dr. Benjamin Waterhouse, of Cambridge, and Dr. E. A. Holyoke, of Salem, Mass.; visited England in 1800, where he attended the medical lectures of Sir Astley Cooper and other noted physicians and surgeons; on his return he commenced practice in Chelmsford, whence, in 1806, he removed to Amherst, where he continued in practice until disabled by the infirmities of age. He died 25 May, 1865, aged nearly ninety-six years.

**CHARLES F. HILDRETH** graduated at Harvard College in 1823; practiced here a short time; in 1824 removed to Boston.

**AMBROSE SEATON**, son of Deacon John Seaton, jr., graduated at Dartmouth Medical School in 1825; commenced practice in 1826. About 1830 he removed to Boston, thence at a later date to Greenup, Kentucky, where he died.

**AMORY GALE**, a native of Warwick, Mass., graduated at Bowdoin College in 1824; practiced in Lancaster, Mass., some years; settled in Amherst in November, 1834, where he remained until 1839. He died in 1873.

**FRANCIS PERRY FITCH**, a native of Greenfield, who graduated at Dartmouth Medical College in 1831, commenced practice in New Boston, whence he removed to Amherst in 1839; succeeded to Dr. Gale's business in Amherst, and remained in successful practice until 1865 when he removed to Milford. After a few years he relinquished practice, and removed to Vineland, N. J., where he died in December, 1874.

**EDWARD AIKEN**, son of Rev. Silas Aiken, graduated at Dartmouth College in 1851; succeeded to the practice of Dr. Fitch in Amherst in 1865.

**GEORGE W. MOOR**, a native of Princeton, Mass., graduated at Dartmouth College in 1841; settled here in July, 1843, and remained in practice until his death, in September, 1866.

**P. D. BAKER** commenced practice here in 1855, but remained only a short time. He removed to Maine where he died.

**BRADLEY H. BARTLETT** practiced in Manchester and Pittsfield, and was a surgeon in the civil war; settled in Amherst in 1872. In October, 1876, he was disabled by paralysis, and died in December following.

**C. M. DODGE** practiced here a few months, commencing in April, 1878, and was succeeded by A. C. Buswell, who remained but a short time.

**W. H. DINSMORE** settled here in 1880, and is now in practice.

## WITCH STORIES.

It is a little remarkable that no more witch stories have been handed down to us from the first settlers of the town. Coming as they did from the vicinity of Salem, the transactions of 1692, in which their immediate ancestors bore a part, must have been in vivid remembrance, and they would be likely to attribute their mishaps to the interference of the "Father of lies," or his imps in human form.

Two stories of such supposed interference have come down in the family of Dr. John Mussey, which we give :

Dr. Mussey practiced medicine in Pelham for some years, thence he removed to Amherst, where he remained a short time, and finally settled in Peterborough, where he died. After his removal to Peterborough, the doctor and his wife started on a journey to Pelham to visit her relatives, the Butlers, in that place. While stopping in Amherst, on the way there, he exchanged horses with his son-in-law, Solomon Prince, and went on his way feeling perfectly safe with Mr. Prince's "steady old nag." While in Pelham he attempted to collect a small bill which an old woman, who was reputed to be a witch, owed him. She was indignant and refused to pay it. On the way home, the old horse acted strangely, so that it was almost perilous to ride after him. After his arrival home the doctor attempted to use the horse to grind some apples in the cider-mill, but although he appeared to try and go, he somehow made but little progress. On another occasion, when they attempted to adjust the crupper upon him, the horse threw up his heels so that it was dangerous to attempt doing it. Dr. Mussey's son John, who was present, told the hired man to lead the horse to the side of the hog-pen and he would reach out of a window there and do it, but this being done, the horse squatted every time it was attempted. John then called for an axe, declaring he would beat the perverse animal's brains out ; but the blow aimed at the horse's head was dodged, and only a slight wound over one of the eyes was inflicted. This was sufficient ; the horse at once became tractable ; but the old woman in Pelham was observed to wear a patch over one of her eyes for a long time after.

Another old woman in Pelham was reputed to be a witch. When it was laid to her charge she said it was not an unpardonable sin if she was one. One day she was at Dea. Butler's house when he and his son brought a log into the door-yard. She asked them what they were going to do with that hollow log. The deacon told her the log was a sound one ; but she insisted it was hollow, and said she could crawl

through it. Upon being told to do it if she could, she actually appeared to do so, the deacon pounding the log smartly with his goad-stick meantime, of which pounding she was supposed to have the full benefit. She was terribly angry at him when she came out of the log.

“CABINET” CLIPPINGS.

All parties, from the town minister to the printer’s devil, have had a hearing in the columns of the “Farmers’ Cabinet.” Some of these are given.

The worthy Publican of the village had his troubles, which induced him to do a cash business. This purpose was announced in the “Cabinet,” 10 March, 1803, as follows:

ONCE FOR ALL.

All persons indebted to the subscriber above four cents will remember that the time of service for March Court expires in a few days.

SAMUEL CURTIS.

N. B. Grog sold for cash *only*.

Capt. Dickenson, evidently a man of some consequence in his day, made proclamation in the “Cabinet,” of 26 March, 1803, as follows:

Capt. Dickenson, formerly servant to Generals Washington, Putnam, &c., &c., is no coward, but a man of honor, repaired to meet his antagonist at time and place, armed cap-a-pie; like a gentleman he waited for his rival; but he did not come, and this advertisement will show to the world that he is honorable even to the end.

“Paid for.”

Stage-driver Wheat had his share of trouble. After announcing the times and seasons of the goings and comings of his stage, he says:

“Notwithstanding an opposition has arisen on said line, the subscriber has faith as a grain of mustard-seed, and hopes his customers and old friends will help him to remove the mountain and cast it back to the New York line, that the owner may enjoy his dear-bought line in peace. He has now new sets of horses, good carriages, and faithful drivers with him on the line.

Now come on my friends and give me your money and you shall have complete satisfaction.

April 29, 1803.

JOSEPH WHEAT.”

The Bible was stolen from the pulpit in the meeting-house, which called out the following notice from the deacons :

"VILLAINY!!

The BIBLE was taken from the Pulpit of the meeting-house in this town, the first week in November, during the sitting of the Supreme Court. It was the Philadelphia edition of the pulpit BIBLE; a very large folio, elegantly printed on the best of paper without plates, and without marginal notes. The Apocraphy was printed in *Italia*. The BIBLE was almost new, and had the name of the donor on one of the blank leaves. It cost twenty-six dollars.

Whoever will give information of the person or persons who committed the sacriligious deed, so that they may be brought to justice, shall be very handsomely rewarded.

SAMUEL WILKINS,	} In behalf of the Church of Amherst.
AMOS ELLIOTT,	
JOHN SEATON.	

Amherst, Dec. 3, 1805."

But all efforts to discover the thief, or the "pulpit Bible," were unavailing.

The *Cabinet* has been guilty of telling some rather incredible stories. One of these made its appearance in the issue of 3 March, 1807.

#### "MAMMOTH BOY.

On the 23d ultimo Mr. Joshua Jones, of Milford, was delivered of a fine son weighing fifteen pounds!!"

In the next issue the story was corrected thus :

#### "MAMMOTH MISTAKE.

In the paragraph in our last respecting the '*Mammoth Boy*,' read the wife of:"

How many drinks the mistake cost the editor we are not informed.

Seventy years ago it was customary for the town's people to assemble on a given day and assist their pastor in getting his stock of wood for the season. The following notice of one of these gatherings at Mr. Barnard's is found in the *Cabinet* of 20 January, 1816 :

"The subscriber takes this opportunity to inform his Neighbors and Friends in this town, that he shall be happy to wait upon them on Monday next, if the weather should be good; if not, the first fair day after. And as his door-yard is empty, and the weather cold, it will afford him an additional pleasure to see them accompanied with good axes, teams, and sleds. While he hopes for future favors, he gratefully acknowledges the reception of such as are past.

JER. BARNARD."

Tanner Chickering, too, had a hearing. His wants were made known in a few words.

"I call upon all whom it may concern for a settlement by the first of February next.

Those who are under the law must suffer the consequence of the law, and those that are under the gospel will do as the gospel directs—that is, do as they would be done by.

Amherst, Jan. 1, 1817."

Being a decided Jacksonian, he made known his desires for court boarders of like faith.

"I should like twenty Jackson men and others to board at court time.

February 9, 1831.

ISAAC CHICKERING."

A voice from behind the anvil.

"Strike while the iron is hot."

William Crosby, blacksmith, acquaints those for whom he has *so long blown at the bellows*, without their helping him "to raise the wind," till his *fire is out*, that unless they *face the anvil* by the 15th inst., and help him blow up the coals, they must expect he will work up their old iron for them, *haul them over the coals*, and expose them to the *fire* and the *hammer* of justice.

Merrimack, Sept. 4, 1823.

Crosby afterward carried on the blacksmithing business in an old shop near the Chickering bridge in Amherst.

Mr. Boylston was frequently very happy in dunning his delinquent customers. One of these duns, in his best style, appeared 6 February, 1823.

"An old author has unfortunately recorded the fact that a man, apparently in the best of health, fell dead as he was paying an old debt.

This serious affair has filled thousands and thousands with fear of the like accident, and forever deters them from paying their old debts. But we would assure our good *friends*, the *delinquents*, that they need not be deterred from this cause, as no man ever yet died of paying the *Printer*."

Finally, the attendant imp, the "printer's devil," had his say. One of this class, somewhat poetically inclined, announced the marriage of an ancient couple as follows :

"Married, in this town, on Sunday evening last, Dea. David Stanley, aged 69, to Miss Patience Melendy, aged 58.

"Thus good old Patience long did wait  
In her unmarried state,  
Till by appointment David came,  
And led her up to Hymen's gate."

#### LOCAL NAMES.

*Babusuck*, the name of the great pond, as written in the proprietors' book of records, 1753.

*Beaver Meadow*, in the east part of the town. Proprietors' records, 1753.

*Chestnut Hills*. Town records, vol. I., p. 43.

*Dunjon Brook*. Town records, vol. I., is now called Stiles's Brook.

*Folly Bridge* crosses Beaver Brook near Mr. Willoby's, on the old bridle path from the Hollis to the Nashua road.

*Half-way Brook* crossed the road from Shepard's mills to Lyndeborough, near Dea. Hobbs's place.

*Lyon's Bridge* has since been known as the Kendrick, and now as the Pauper Farm bridge, across the Souhegan.

*North Hill*, in Mont Vernon, is mentioned in vol. I., p. 43, town records.

*Prince's Brook* runs from Joe English to Babboosuck pond: so named from Lt. Joseph Prince. Town records, vol. I., p. 65.

*Quohquinapassakessanahnoy*: this jaw-breaker is given in the Massachusetts court records as the name of a place "at and on" the Souhegan river, where several farms, granted by the court in 1660, were located by that pioneer surveyor, Jonathan Danforth, Esq.

*Straddlepole* is the name given to a rough tract of land in the north-east part of the town, better adapted to growing wood and timber than for any other purpose. The name has been attributed to Dr. Codman, but probably originated from some other source, as it is found in vol. I., town records.



*Souhegan*, the name of the river, is sometimes spelled, in the old records, *Sowhegan*; more frequently *Soughegan*; rarely, *Souheganack*. It is said to mean "worn-out lands." Sometimes it was called *Natacook*, meaning a clearing. Probably the Indian squaws raised their supplies of corn on the interval near by.

"*The Vineyard*" was in the northeast part of the town, between the place formerly owned by Mr. Isaac Upham and Damon's pond. The road from Prince's to Chestnut Hill crossed it. Its fruits were hardly equal to those of Eschol of old.

Dr. Codman is said to have given names to several of the school districts.

No. 1 (on the Plain) he christened *Lower Flanders*. That part which lay on the old road to New Boston he called *Upper Flanders*. The north-west parish folks, who bore the dwellers on the Plain no good will, lumped the two together, and gave them the name of *Sodom*, and spoke of "seeing the smoke of their torment ascending to the heavens on frosty mornings," displaying somewhat of the spirit displayed by one of their number who gave, as a Fourth of July toast, in the days when Parson Jeremiah prophesied against the democracy:—

"Amherst;—It has a big meeting-house with a tall steeple; an Arminian preacher and a cursed people."

No. 2 was known as "*Carnal End*." Some of the inhabitants were said to be rather close in their dealings, fond of "saving grace" (*Dei gratia*, on the old Spanish coin). Some, it was reported, would pinch the United States dollar so hard that it would make the "eagle scream."

No. 3 was known as *Cricket Corner*, from the abundance of those insects found there in the autumn.

District No. 4, the residence of Parson Barnard and some of his deacons, was known as *Christian Hill*. The boys rather irreverently named it "Brimstone Corner."

District No. 5, south of the river, was known as *Danforth's Corner*, from David Danforth, one of the principal inhabitants, who kept tavern, and carried on the blacksmithing business there many years ago.

District No. 6, near the pond, was appropriately enough called *Pond Parish*.

District No. 8, on the New Boston road, was called *Curly Row*, from a numerous family of curly-haired Stanleys, who lived on the place now owned by Mr. John Gould; while the Goffstown road was called *Pestleborough*, from Amos Dodge's mortar-and-pestle manufactory on the brook which crossed the road not far from his house.

District No. 9 was known long before Dr. Codman's day as *Chestnut Hills*.

## CHAPTER XXIV.

## GENEALOGIES AND FAMILY REGISTERS.

ABBREVIATIONS,—b., born; m., married; d., died; res., resides; rem., removed. Roman numerals, I, II, III, IV, refer to generations, the first of the name in this country being reckoned as I. Where cities and towns in New Hampshire are referred to, the name of the state is not given. In other cases the name of the state or country is usually given. A † before a name indicates that it is to be found in another list, or family.

## ABBOT.

I. GEORGE ABBOT, from whom the families bearing the name in Amherst were descended, emigrated, as tradition reports, from Yorkshire, England, about 1640. He was among the first settlers in Andover, Mass., in 1643, and one of the proprietors of the town. In 1647 he married Hannah Chandler, who died 11 June, 1711. He died 24 December, 1681, aged 66.

II. JOHN ABBOT, son of George, lived with his father in the garrison house in Andover. He was much employed in town business, and upon the organization of the church in Andover, in 1711, he was chosen one of its deacons. He was b. 2 March, 1648; m. Sarah Barker in 1673, who d. 10 February, 1729, aged 82. He d. 19 March, 1721.

III. Their son, EPHRAIM ABBOT, was b. 15 August, 1682; d. 8 June, 1748; m. Sarah Hunt. They lived in Andover. Their children were—

1. *Sarah*, b. 8 March, 1716; m. †Samuel Gray, of Amherst.
2. †*Ephraim*, b. 1 August, 1718; settled in Amherst.
3. *Mary*, b. 20 July, 1720.
4. †*Joshua*, b. 1 October, 1722; settled in Amherst.
5. *Daniel*, b. 14 September, 1724; m. Lydia Henfield.
6. *Elizabeth*, b. 10 July, 1726; m. Asa Abbot; d. 18 December, 1819.
7. †*Josiah*, b. 4 September, 1728; settled in Amherst.
8. *Ebenezer*, b. 3 March, 1731; d. 19 December, 1771.
9. *Martha*, b. 10 April, 1733; d. 5 May, 1733.
10. *Peter*, b. 19 May, 1734; d. 18 April, 1774.
11. *Martha*, b. 24 July, 1737; m. †Capt. Archelaus Towne, of Amherst.

IV. 2. EPHRAIM ABBOT, b. in Andover 1 August, 1718; m. (1) Mary Abbot; m. (2) Hannah Kneeland; settled in Amherst. Their children were—

12. *Mary*, b. 22 March, 1741; m. †Peter Goss.
13. *Ephraim*, b. 16 December, 1742; m. Dorothy Stiles; d. in Goffstown, 1827.
14. *Hannah*, b. 12 March, 1745; m. ——— Shattuck, of Hollis.
15. *Kneeland*, b. 17 May, 1748; m. ——— Stanley.
16. *Sarah*, b. 14 June, 1751; m. William Codman, of Deering.
17. *Dorcas*, b. 7 August, 1752; m. George Wiley, of Amherst.
18. *Esther*, b. 6 March, 1755; m. Benjamin Pike, jr., of Amherst; settled in Montpelier, Vt.
19. *Abigail*, b. 30 July, 1756; m. Samuel Twiss, of New Boston, April, 1781.
20. *Daniel*, b. 1 April, 1762; m. Sarah Stevens, 28 July, 1786.

IV. 4. JOSHUA ABBOT, b. in Andover, Mass., 1 October, 1722; m. Phebe Ingalls; settled in Amherst. Their children were—

21. *Phebe*, b. 20 August, 1750; m. ——— Everden.
22. *Sarah*, b. 27 January, 1752; d. young.
23. *Joshua*, b. 10 May, 1754; m. Deborah Chandler.
24. *Elizabeth*, b. 12 November, 1756.
25. *Stephen*, b. 28 September, 1759; m. Sarah Lovejoy 8 August, 1782.
26. *Sarah*, b. 19 February, 1761.
27. *Peter*, b. 28 July, 1762; m. Abigail Farnum 23 October, 1788.
28. *A child*, b. 16 April, 1764; d. in infancy.

- 29. *A child*, b. 3 April, 1765; d. in infancy.
- 30. *A child*, b. 16 February, 1767; d. in infancy.
- 31. *Joseph*, b. 23 January, 1772.

IV. 7. JOSIAH ABBOT, b. in Andover 3 September, 1728; m. Hannah Hobbs. They settled in Amherst. Their children were—

- 32. *Hannah*, b. 18 September, 1755; m. S. Chamberlin.
- 33. *Amy*, b. 5 June, 1757; d. 1777.
- 34. *Josiah*, b. 18 December, 1759.
- 35. *William*, b. 21 December, 1761; d. 23 December, 1764.
- 36. *Lemuel*, b. 13 May, 1764; m. Deborah Balch; lived in Windham, Vt.; d. 19 January, 1841.
- 37. *William*, b. 28 April, 1766; d. 10 May, 1766.
- 38. *Daniel*, b. 13 July, 1769; m. Sally Allison.

39. DARIUS ABBOT, b. in Andover, Mass., 15 June, 1737; m. Mary Holt 1 November, 1757. They settled in Amherst prior to 1775. Their children were—

- 40. *Anna*, b. 31 August, 1758; d. 14 October, 1777.
- 41. *Henry*, b. 1 June, 1761.
- 42. *Elizabeth*, b. 26 May, 1763.
- 43. *Paul*, b. 8 March, 1766.
- 44. *Tryphena*, b. 23 February, 1769; m. John Wallace.
- 45. *Calvin*, b. 15 April, 1771; m. Lucy Dutton; d. 14 August, 1841.
- 46. *Hannah*, } b. 11 September, 1775; { m. Joel Jones (1st wife).
- 47. *Luther*, } d. 14 September, 1775.
- 48. *Nancy*, m. Joel Jones (2d wife).

49. HENRY ABBOT, b. in Andover, Mass., 5 March, 1785; d. in Amherst 26 March, 1868; m. Rhoda Bailey January, 1811; she was b. 1789; d. 1 September, 1854. Their children were—

- 50. *Nathan P.*, b. 16 November, 1811.
- 51. *Timothy B.*, b. 29 January, 1814.
- 52. *Eliza*.
- 53. *Mary*.
- 54. *Rhoda*, b. 9 April, 1817.
- 55. *Azel B.*, } b. 28 July, 1820.
- 56. *Mary B.*, }
- 57. *Archer P.*, b. December, 1822.

58. *Sylvia Ann*, b. 24 August, 1826.

59. *Asa Warren*, b. 5 September, 1829; d. 1 November, 1829.

### ADAMS.

I. HENRY ADAMS came from England in 1634, and settled at Mount Wollaston, now Quincy, Mass., where he d. 6 October, 1646. His son—

II. SAMUEL ADAMS, b. 1617; m. (1) Rebecca Graves; she d. October, 1662; m. (2) Esther Sparhawk 7 May, 1668. They lived in Charlestown, and afterward in Concord, but finally settled in Chelmsford, Mass., where he d. 24 January, 1688-9. In company with his brother, Thomas, he erected mills in the easterly part of Chelmsford, near the site of the city of Lowell.

III. JOSEPH ADAMS, son of Samuel, succeeded his father on the homestead in Chelmsford, and d. there. He was succeeded by his son—

IV. JOSEPH ADAMS, who, in turn, was succeeded by his son—

V. JOSEPH ADAMS, whose son—

VI. 1. LEVI ADAMS, b. in Chelmsford, 14 June, 1764; m. Lydia Farrar. They settled in Temple, but afterward rem. to Amherst, and located at Danforth's Corner, where he d. 14 September, 1805, from injuries received by a kick from a horse. His widow m. (2) Capt. Jacob Danforth 16 October, 1811, and d. 3 January, 1845, aged 78. Their children were—

2. *Lydia*, b. in Temple 24 August, 1789; m. †David Secombe 18 December, 1823; settled in Milford.

3. *Abel*, b. 22 August, 1790; d. 3 December, 1791.

4. *Abel*, b. 22 December, 1792; m. ————; d. at West Roxbury, Mass., 7 July, 1867.

5. †*Levi*, b. 21 April, 1795.

6. *Rebecca*, b. 21 February, 1798; m. Rev. Abel Conant, of Leominster, Mass., 30 March, 1821, now res. in Amherst. One child, Maria R., d. in Amherst 12 July, 1865, aged 40.

7. *Mary Cole*, b. December, 1799; d. in Amherst 25 March, 1868; unmarried.

8. *Charlotte*, b. 24 August, 1802; m. †David Stewart.

9. *Catherine*, b. 22 October, 1804; d. 5 November, 1804.

VII. 5. **LEVI ADAMS**, b. 21 April, 1795; m. his cousin, **Lucy Farrar**, of Temple; settled on the farm now owned by **Luther Coggin**, where he d. 19 July, 1834. After his death his widow and children left town. She d. in Erie, Pa., 28 August, 1865, aged 68 years. Their children were—

10. *Charles Frederick*, b. 25 June, 1820; was a physician in Rutland, Vt.; became insane, and d. 10 February, 1882.

11. *Abby Larkin*, b. 14 January, 1823; m. George Faulkner, M. D., of Jamaica Plain, Mass.

12. *Abel Augustine*, b. 21 January, 1825; res. in Erie, Pa.

13. *Mary Caroline*, b. 10 November, 1827; m. L. D. Merchant; res. in Washington, D. C.

14. *Franklin Farrar*, b. 6 August, 1830.

15. *Lydia Maria*, b. 29 August, 1832; d. in 1834.

#### AIKEN.

I. **EDWARD AIKEN**, b. in Ireland, 1660; m. **Barbara Edwards**. They emigrated to America in 1720, and settled in Londonderry, where he d. in November, 1747; she d. in August, 1744. They were the ancestors of most, if not all, of the New Hampshire Aikens.

II. **NATHANIEL**, son of Edward and Barbara Aiken, was b. 14 May, 1696; m. **Margaret Cochran**, of Londonderry, 1 December, 1726. They settled in Londonderry, where he d. 17 July, 1782; she d. in 1788. They had twelve children. Of these—

III. **JOHN**, b. 18 November, 1728; m. **Annis Orr** in 1758. They settled at first in Londonderry, where they remained eight or ten years, and then rem. to Bedford. He d. in Bedford 7 April, 1793. She was b. in Ireland 28 March, 1734; d. in September, 1813. Of their eight children—

IV. PHINEAS, the second son, b. 16 December, 1761; m. Elizabeth, daughter of Lt. John Patterson, of Amherst, 8 December, 1789; she was b. 11 November, 1766; d. in Andover, Mass., 21 September, 1855. He d. in Bedford 18 April, 1836. He was a soldier in the Revolution; representative, selectman and town-clerk, and an officer in the church. Their children were—

1. *Nancy Patterson*, b. 16 September, 1790; m. Jonathan Aiken, of Goffstown, 22 November, 1809; d. in 1880.

2. *Lucy*, b. 15 July, 1792; m. Dr. Fred. A. Mitchell, of Bedford; she d. 23 November, 1861.

3. *Betsey*, b. 28 September, 1794; m. Isaac Riddle, of Bedford, 30 September, 1818; d. 21 October, 1843.

4. *John*, b. 30 January, 1797; m. Harriet R. Adams, of Hanover, 14 November, 1826; she d. 30 July, 1830, aged 35; m. (2) *Mary Means Appleton*, of Amherst, 22 May, 1832. He d. in 1867.

5. † *Silas*, b. 14 May, 1799.

6. *Charles*, b. 2 March, 1802; m. Adeline Wiley, of Campton, June, 1839; rem. to Wisconsin, subsequently to California.

7. *David*, b. 7 June, 1804; m. (1) *Lydia W. Root*, of Greenfield, Mass., 26 October, 1844; she d. 13 November, 1845; m. (2) *Mary E. Adams*, of Amherst, Mass., 28 November, 1848. They res. in Greenfield, Mass.

8. *Sarah Annis*, b. 31 December, 1806; m. William P. Black, of Manchester, Vt., 20 October, 1829. They res. in Manchester, Vt.

9. *Phineas*, b. 22 April, 1809; d. in September, 1813.

V. 5. REV. SILAS AIKEN, fourth pastor of the Congregational church in Amherst, b. in Bedford, 14 May, 1799; m. (1) *Mary Osgood*, only dau. of Dr. Joseph and Mary (Beckford) Osgood, of Salem, Mass., 25 March, 1829. She d. 8 February, 1836, aged 32; m. (2) *Sophia W. Parsons* 24 May, 1837; she d. 26 February, 1880, aged 79. He d. in Rutland, Vt., 7 April, 1869. Their children were—

10. † *Edward*, b. in Amherst, 10 April, 1830; res. in Amherst.

11. *Mary Elizabeth*, b. in Amherst 9 July, 1832; m. Marshall Blakely; res. in Rutland, Vt.

12. *Susan Endicott*, b. in Amherst, 19 June, 1835.

13. *Henry Homes*, b. in Boston 26 January, 1843; d. in Boston September, 1846.

14. *Harriet Sophia*, b. in Boston 12 January, 1848; res. in Rutland, Vt.

VI. 10. DR. EDWARD AIKEN, b. in Amherst 10 April, 1830; m. (1) Susan Dougherty, dau. of Hon. John O. Cole, Albany, N. Y., 5 September, 1855. She was b. 21 June, 1835; d. at Homs, Syria, 20 June, 1856; m. (2) Sarah Cheney 22 July, 1857, at Abeih, Mt. Lebanon, Syria. Their children were—

11. *Edward Cheney*, b. in Boston, Mass., 1 October, 1858; a machinist; res. in Manchester.

12. *Susan Cole*, b. in Fitzwilliam 3 May, 1861.

13. *Sarah Elizabeth*, b. in Fitzwilliam 16 January, 1863; d. in Amherst 10 March, 1879.

14. *Henry Osgood*, b. in Fitzwilliam 16 August, 1864.

15. *Alfred DeForest*, b. in Amherst 15 April, 1866; d. 22 May, 1866.

#### ALEXANDER.

JAMES ALEXANDER, b. in Londonderry 19 April, 1802; m. (1) Eliza M. Dickey 14 June, 1835. She was b. 31 May, 1813; d. 25 June, 1854; m. (2) Elizabeth L. Reed 1 December, 1854; settled in the easterly part of Mont Vernon, adjoining Amherst, about 1836. Their children were—

1. † *William Edward*, b. 30 July, 1837.

2. *James A.*, b. 17 November, 1838; m. Mary L. Sargent 3 December, 1860; res. in Boston, Mass.

3. *Harriet M.*, b. 2 April, 1842; m. Ira Chase 5 October, 1862; res. in Milford.

4. *Mary E.*, b. 6 May, 1844; unmarried.

5. *Sarah J.*, b. 6 January, 1846; m. John T. Grafton; res. in Milford.

6. *Ellen F.*, b. 6 March, 1850; m. Edward Cloutman, of Lynn, Mass., 17 December, 1879.

I. WILLIAM E. ALEXANDER, b. 30 July, 1837; m. Emma F. Keith 5 July, 1871. She was b. in Lawrence, Mass., 24 June, 1848. They settled on the farm formerly owned by Daniel Campbell, Esq. Their children were—

7. *Frank*, b. 26 July, 1872; d. 24 December, 1872.

8. *Emma Eliza*, b. 10 October, 1873.

9. *George Warren*, b. 31 August, 1874.

10. *Fred*, b. 20 January, 1875; d. 31 March, 1875.

11. *Jennie Louisa*, b. 6 April, 1877.



## ALLD.

*Betsy Alld*, d. 26 May, 1818, aged 24.

## ANGIER.

ANSON ANGIER and Dolly P. Osgood were m. in May, 1826; res. in Amherst a short time. Their daughter—

*Sally Ann P.*, was b. 18 May, 1827.

## APPLETON.

I. REV. JESSE APPLETON, b. in New Ipswich 17 November, 1772; graduated at Dartmouth College in 1792; ordained and installed as minister of Hampton, 1797; president of Bowdoin College, 1807; d. in Brunswick, Me., 12 November, 1819; m. Elizabeth, dau. of Col. Robert Means, 27 September, 1800.

After the death of her husband Mrs. Appleton returned to Amherst and resided with her children some years, on the farm west of the great meadow, now occupied by Mr. Drucker. Thence she rem. to Boston, where she d. 29 October, 1844. Their children were—

2. *Mary Means*, m. John Aiken 22 May, 1832.

3. *Jane Means*, b. 12 March, 1806; m. Gen. Franklin Pierce 19 November, 1834; was lady of the White House, at Washington, during her husband's administration; d. 2 December, 1863. Their children were—

1. Benjamin, b. 13 April, 1841. He was killed on the railroad at Andover, Mass., 6 January, 1853.

2. Frank Robert, d. 14 November, 1843, aged 14 months.

4. *William*, b. 7 November, 1808; graduated at Bowdoin College in 1826; studied law; d. in Cincinnati, Ohio, 19 October, 1830.

5. *Elizabeth Frances*, m. Professor Alpheus S. Packard 24 May, 1827; d. in Brunswick, Me., 2 June, 1839.

6. *Robert*, m. Rebecca W. Means.

7. *John*, b. 14 August, 1814; d. 19 October, 1817.

## ARBUCKLE.

II. WILLIAM ARBUCKLE, the son of an emigrant from the north of Ireland, settled in Merrimack previous to 1748. Two of his sisters, of whom one m. William McCluer, also settled in Merrimack. Sarah, the other sister, m. Hugh Gillis, and d. in Merrimack 20 February, 1829, aged one hundred and one years and seven months. When she was about eighteen years old she was left at home with her mother and younger brothers and sisters, her father and older brothers having joined the army in the war against the Indians. One morning, while preparing the hasty-pudding for breakfast, she was called to the door by a loud knock, where she was alarmed by the sight of a fierce looking Indian. He made known to her, by signs, that he was wounded and wanted refreshment. Pitying him, she dressed his wound and he remained until he was well.

Some months subsequently a party of Indians suddenly burst into the house, seized and bound her brothers, and one, with a yell, had raised his tomahawk to strike her, when another Indian appeared and spoke a few words in their language, when they released their prisoners and departed quietly. Their preserver proved to be the Indian she had befriended.

III. JOHN ARBUCKLE, son of William, was a soldier of the Revolution. He was b. in Merrimack in November, 1752; d. in Amherst 29 March, 1839; m. Rachel Barron in 1777. She was b. in 1751; d. 3 March, 1814. They settled in Amherst, near the close of the Revolutionary war, on the place now occupied by their grandson, William Stewart. Their children were—

1. *Mary*, b. in 1778; d. in November, 1824; unmarried.
2. *Elizabeth*, b. in 1779; d. in May, 1825; unmarried.
3. *Martha McCluer*, b. in 1781; m. Solomon Barron 21 October, 1813; d. in 1835.
4. *William*, b. in 1784; d. 6 July, 1804.
5. *Rachel*, b. in 1786; d. 23 November, 1814; unmarried.

6. *June*, b. in 1788; m. Moses B. Stewart 13 March, 1811; d. 22 June, 1819.

7. *Nancy Patterson*, b. in 1791; d. 7 October, 1833; unmarried.

8. *Lucy*, b. in July, 1794; m. Josiah Newell Melendy 5 February, 1817; d. in December, 1877.

### ARMSTRONG.

JOHN D. ARMSTRONG, from Bedford, lived several years on the farm on the road to Goffstown, now occupied by Mr. Hodgman. He m. (1) Sarah D. Atwood, 1838; m. (2) Jane M. Wells, in 1850, and d. in Amherst 14 November, 1868. Their children, all b. in Bedford, were—

1. *William*.
2. *John*, a soldier in the civil war; killed before Richmond.
3. *George Davidson*.
4. *Edward*.
5. *Sarah Jane*, m. Frank Kendall.
6. *Clara*, d. young.
7. *Elmer Ellsworth*.

### ATHERTON.

I. JAMES ATHERTON was a resident in Dorchester, now Milton, Mass., prior to 1650, where he carried on the business of a tanner. About 1653 he removed to a part of Nashua which was incorporated that year by the name of Lancaster. There he remained until the sacking of the town by the Indians, in 1676, when he returned to Dorchester. In 1703 he removed to Sherburn, in the county of Middlesex, where he d. at the age of eighty-six years. Prior to his death he conveyed his estate in Lancaster to his sons James and Joshua.

II. JOSHUA, son of James Atherton, b. at Lancaster 13 May, 1656: rem. with his father to Dorchester in 1676, where he m. Mary Gulliver. He returned to Lancaster about 1687, and settled on a part of the old homestead, where he followed the farming and tanning business. He left a numerous family of children. Of these—



Esther





Chas Henry



III. PETER, the youngest son, b. 12 April, 1705, m. Experience Wright, of Andover, 13 June, 1728. She was b. 5 August, 1711; d. 14 November, 1775. They lived on the homestead which he cultivated. He also carried on the blacksmithing business. He was a man of some little note, being a magistrate, a colonel in the militia, and the representative of Harvard in the General Court. He d. in Concord, Mass., while attending a session of the General Court, 13 June, 1764. Their children were—

1. *Experience*, b. 13 February, 1728 or 1729; d. 18 September, 1756; m. Robert Holland, who d. 22 April, 1755. They were the parents of John Holland, who resided with his uncle, Joshua Atherton, in Amherst. At the commencement of the Revolutionary war he left the country, and was one of the number who were banished, and their estates confiscated by act of the legislature in 1778. He settled in St. John, Nova Scotia, married and left a large family.

2. *Azubah*, b. 23 December, 1730; m. ——— Willard; res. in Sterling, Mass.

3. *Peter*, b. 29 December, 1734; m. Experience Atherton, of Bolton, Mass; res. in Harvard, Mass.

4. *Joshua*, b. 20 June, 1737.

5. *Israel*, b. 20 November, 1741; graduated at Harvard College in 1762; m. Mrs. Prentiss, of Lancaster, Mass., where he settled and d. in 1822. His daughter, Rebecca, became the wife of William Abbott, Esq., of Castine and Bangor, Me. Sarah, another daughter, m. a son of Rev. Joseph Kidder, of Dunstable, and settled in Prospect, Me.

6. *Mercy*, b. 11 April, 1753; m. Dr. Munroe, of Harvard, Mass., January, 1778.

IV. JOSHUA ATHERTON, one of the three sons of Peter and Experience Atherton, was b. in Harvard, Mass., 20 June, 1737. He was designed to follow the trade of his father as a blacksmith and farmer, but a severe bilious fever so shattered his system as to unfit him for severe manual labor, and, after finishing a college course, he devoted himself to the study and practice of the law. After practicing some years in Petersham, Mass., Litchfield, and Merrimack, N. H., he settled in Amherst, on the place since occupied by Mr. Eleazer Rhoads, in the spring of 1773. He m. Abigail,



daughter of Rev. Thomas Goss, of Bolton, Mass., November, 1765. She was b. 1 April, 1749; d. 28 October, 1801. He d. 3 April, 1809. Their children were--

7. *Frances*, b. at Harvard, Mass., 31 October, 1766; m. (1) *William Gordon*, 31 May, 1787, by whom she had one son, *William*, who graduated at Harvard College; studied law, and practiced in Peterborough and Charlestown; d. at Brattleborough, Vt., 12 January, 1871. She m. (2) *Benjamin West*, of Charlestown, 3 September, 1806, and d. at Charlestown, 11 November, 1838.

8. †*Charles Humphrey*, b. 14 August, 1773.

9. *Abigail*, b. 22 October, 1775; m. †*Amos Kent*, of Chester.

10. *Rebecca Wentworth*, b. in August, 1778; m. †*Dr. Matthias Spalding*.

11. *Nancy Holland*, b. 11 March, 1782; d. in the city of New York 9 November, 1859; unmarried.

12. *Catherine*, b. 7 June, 1784; m. †*David McG. Means*.

13. *Elizabeth Willard*, b. 4 May, 1786; m. *Ralph H. French*, 18 May, 1820; d. at Manchester 31 March, 1855.

Seven other children, six sons and one daughter, d. in infancy.

V. 8. *CHARLES HUMPHREY ATHERTON*, b. in Amherst 14 August, 1773; d. 8 January, 1853; was one of the most prominent lawyers in the state; m. *Mary Ann*, daughter of *Christopher Toppan*, of Hampton, 30 October, 1803. She was b. 27 October, 1780; d. 15 October, 1817. Their children were—

14. *Charles Gordon*, b. 4 July, 1804; m. *Nancy B. Clark*, a granddaughter of Rev. *Jeremiah Barnard*; settled in Nashua; d. suddenly at Manchester 14 November, 1853. No children.

15. *Mary Ann*, b. 11 July, 1806; d. 24 September, 1807.

16. *George*, b. 25 September, 1808; d. 10 April, 1825.

17. *Mary Ann Toppan*, b. 18 December, 1810; d. 16 January, 1853; unmarried.

18. *James Humphrey*, b. 22 June, 1813; d. in New York city 12 June, 1837; unmarried.

19. *Christopher*, b. 6 August, 1815; d. 3 May, 1816.

20. *Henry*, b. and d. 19 May, 1817.

## AUSTIN.

1. SAUL AUSTIN, b. in Dracut, Mass., 13 July, 1787, rem. to Sutton with his parents; res. in Sutton and Wilton; rem. to Amherst in the spring of 1827; d. here 24 March, 1881, aged ninety-three years; m. (1) Susan Flint 10 January, 1813. She was b. in Amherst 19 April, 1794; d. 21 August, 1851; m. (2) Betsey (Flint) Herrick 30 May, 1852, who survives him. She was b. in Amherst (north-west parish) 25 June, 1800. His children were—

2. Charles, b. 12 November, 1813; m. Mary Secombe, October, 1836. He was one of the earliest manufacturers of reed instruments in Concord, where he res. more than forty years; now res. in Lowell, Mass. Their children were—

1. Mary Ellen, b. 7 June, 1838; d. 2 April, 1853.

2. Charles Edward, b. 7 March, 1840; m. Laura Lovering; res. in Lowell, Mass.; one child.

3. Martha J., b. 24 February, 1843; d. 1 March, 1844.

3. Alice, b. 22 May, 1816; m. William Coffin; d. in Concord 30 June, 1856.

4. Asa, b. 4 May, 1819; d. in Concord 27 December, 1843.

5. Julia Ann, b. 25 June, 1821; m. Henry Nathan; res. in San Francisco. No children.

6. Nancy Flint, b. 8 June, 1828; m. (1) Solon S. Graves 23 June, 1852; m. (2) Eleazer Williams in June, 1877; res. in Mark West, Sonoma county, Cal. No children.

7. Nathan Flint, b. 19 September, 1831; d. 13 April, 1847.

8. Susan Maria, b. 8 December, 1834; m. Dwight Goff; res. in San Francisco. Two children—1. Grace; 2. Alice.

## AVERILL.

1. JOHN AVERILL, b. in Middleton, Mass., 2 June, 1740; d. 21 May, 1815; m. Mary Bradford, of Amherst; she was b. in Middleton in 1742; d. 21 August, 1814. They settled in Amherst in 1763. Their children were—

2. Naomi.

3. †Daniel.

4. Mary; m. Benjamin Simonds.

5. *Anna*; m. ——— McAllister.

6. †*John, jr.*

7. *Jesse.*

6. JOHN AVERILL, JR., son of John and Mary Averill, b. 13 October, 1767; d. 26 October, 1844; m. Anna, daughter of James Woodbury. She was b. 4 August, 1774; d. 9 May, 1858. They lived in the west part of the town, on Beech Hill, now in Mont Vernon. Their children were—

8. *Nancy*, b. 19 February, 1792.

9. *Betsy*, b. 7 February, 1794.

10. *John*, b. 10 March, 1796.

11. *Bernard*, b. 26 April, 1798; d. in Farmington.

12. *Hannah*, b. 13 May, 1800; d. 23 July, 1803.

13. *Mary*, b. 18 July, 1802.

14. *Hannah*, b. 1 January, 1805.

15. *Fanny*, b. 8 June, 1807; d. 6 May, 1814.

16. *Lucretia*, b. 5 March, 1809.

17. *Trask*, b. 20 March, 1811.

3. DANIEL AVERILL, a Revolutionary soldier, formerly of Amhest; d. in Barre, Vt., in May, 1848, aged eighty-six years.

#### AVERY.

*Susan*, wife of Joshua Avery, d. 17 May, 1874, aged fifty-eight years.

*Lizzie A.*, daughter of Joshua Avery, d. 24 March, 1874, aged fifteen years.

#### BALDWIN.

I. HENRY BALDWIN came from Devonshire, England; probably lived in Charlestown a few years; settled in Woburn in 1641, where he was one of the selectmen for some years, and a deacon in the church. He m. Phebe Richardson 1 November, 1649, who d. 13 September, 1716. He d. 14 February, 1697. Their son—

II. HENRY BALDWIN, b. 15 November, 1664, d. 7 July, 1739; m. Abigail Fisk 4 May, 1692. She d. in Woburn

in January, 1771, aged ninety-six years. They lived in Woburn where their son—

III. ISAAC BALDWIN, was b. 20 February, 1700. He m. Mary Flagg 24 March, 1726. They settled in Woburn, where their son—

IV. 1. NAHUM BALDWIN, was b. 3 May, 1734. He m. Mary Lowe 22 April, 1760. She was b. 16 April, 1734; d. in Antrim 7 November, 1802. They settled in Amherst prior to the Revolution, and he d. here 7 May, 1788. Their children were—

2. *Nahum*, b. 30 June, 1762. He was a Revolutionary soldier; settled in Mercer, now Sharon, Me., where he died.

3. *Martha*, b. 8 March, 1764; m. Ephraim Burge, 23 January, 1794.

4. † *Isaac*, b. 23 April, 1768.

5. *Frances*, b. 22 May, 1771; m. James Boyd 16 June, 1795; d. in Antrim 25 December, 1828.

6. *Mary*, b. 6 June, 1773.

7. *Lucy*, b. 13 February, 1776; m. William Starrett 22 September, 1797; d. in Warren, Me., 18 February, 1821.

V. 4. ISAAC BALDWIN, son of Col. Nahum, b. in Amherst 23 April, 1768; d. in Antrim 8 July, 1821; m. Bethiah Pool, of Hollis, 24 November, 1790. She was b. 3 August, 1772; d. 7 April, 1853.

While engaged in a company training, at Hollis, 4 October, 1790, he was severely wounded by the premature discharge of a field-piece with which the company was exercising. He settled in Antrim in 1793, where he was a useful and respected citizen. Their children were—

8. *Emma*, b. in Amherst 13 July, 1792; m. Jabez Youngman, 14 March, 1809; res. in Dorchester.

9. *Funny*, b. in Antrim 26 February, 1794; m. Dr. Isaac Burnham, 11 December, 1817; d. 8 April, 1847.

10. *Isaac*, b. 22 March, 1796; d. 9 September, 1872; res. in Antrim.

11. *Dexter*, b. 5 July, 1798; a physician; d. in Framingham, Mass., 27 May, 1870.

12. *Nahum*, b. 13 July, 1800; d. of spotted fever in 1812.

13. *Samuel*, b. 15 June, 1802; settled in Antrim.
14. *Lucy*, b. 12 June, 1804.
15. *Thomas J.*, b. 15 December, 1806; d. of spotted fever in 1812.
16. *William*, b. 15 May, 1809; d. at Lawrenceville, Ill., in 1849.
17. *Cyrus*, b. 14 May, 1811; graduated at Dartmouth College in 1839; a successful teacher; res. at Meriden Village.
18. *Harriett*, b. 26 April, 1814; d. at Lawrenceville, Ill., in 1846.
19. *Estimate R. E.*, b. 22 October, 1816; m. and res. in Hamilton, Canada East.

20. JESSE BALDWIN, m. Tabitha (Weston) Wilkins, widow of Capt. Daniel Wilkins, jr. Their child—

21. *Ebenezer*, was b. 26 December, 1784.

After the death of Mr. Baldwin his widow m. (3) Lieut. Joseph Farnum, of Mont Vernon, and d. there in January, 1820, aged seventy-one years.

22. SAMUEL BALDWIN, a resident of Amherst for some years, was b. in Wilmington, Mass., 7 September, 1789; d. in Mont Vernon 8 July, 1856; m. Mary Dane 1 February, 1816. She was b. in Chelmsford, Mass., 18 April, 1794; d. in Bedford 23 November, 1874. Their children were—

23. *Samuel Dane*, b. 4 October, 1817; m. (1) Clarissa Hildreth 3 June, 1840. She d. 24 July, 1852; m. (2) Sarah S. Sanders 28 September, 1853; resides in Nashua.

24. *Silas H.*, b. 20 June, 1819; d. 13 December, 1844.

25. *William O.*, b. 25 August, 1821; m. (1) Mary Proctor, 4 October, 1851. She d. 24 January, 1872; m. (2) Letty A. Gilman.

26. *Jonathan N.*, b. 19 January, 1824; d. 12 October, 1825.

27. *Mary*, b. 26 June, 1826; m. Daniel K. Mack, of Manchester, 8 October, 1856.

28. *Susan A.*, b. 2 November, 1828; m. Leonard C. Farwell, 10 December, 1856.

29. *Sophia J.*, b. 23 December, 1830; d. 17 March, 1832.

30. *Sophia M.*, b. 18 July, 1832; unmarried.

31. *Charles H.*, b. 7 March, 1835; d. 20 May, 1836.

32. *Almira J.*, b. 25 March, 1838; m. Isaac G. Wheeler 12 January, 1864.

## BARKER.

1. Dea. Ephraim Barker was b. in or near Exeter in 1732; settled in Newmarket, whence he rem. to Amherst in 1774. He was a noted housewright and church-builder. The old meeting-house on the Plain and that in Pembroke are specimens of his handiwork. He was engaged in building the meeting-house at Wilton, the frame of which fell 7 September, 1773, by which accident he was severely injured. He was a prominent member of Mr. Barnard's church, and served as one of its deacons several years; m. (1) Mary Manning, of Ipswich, Mass. She d. in 1771; m. (2) Mary Ramsay, widow of David Ramsay, of Amherst. She d. 5 October, 1806, aged fifty-four. He d. 29 September, 1800. His children were—

2. *Margaret*, m. Joseph Towne, of Henniker, 21 May, 1806; d. in Hopkinton 24 August, 1814, aged fifty-five.

3. *Jeremiah*, a physician in Portland, Me.

4. *Joseph*, b. 9 September, 1765; m. Elizabeth, daughter of Captain William Dana, of Amherst, 1789; rem. immediately after to Marietta, Ohio, where he d., after a long and active life, in September, 1843.

5. *Relief*, m. Nathaniel Cleaves, of Amherst, January, 1806.

6. *Mary Means*, b. 9 October, 1785; m. Rev. Ephraim P. Bradford, of New Boston, 1 September, 1806. After her husband's death she rem. to Milwaukee, Wisconsin, where she res. with her son. She d. in Milwaukee, 8 May, 1874.

## BARRON.

I. 1. MOSES BARRON, son of Moses Barron who rem. from Chelmsford, Mass., to Bedford, about 1740, was b. in Bedford in 1742. He d. in 1797; m. Hannah Hutchinson, of Amherst, 20 March, 1770. She d. in Hartland, Vt., 8 September, 1822, aged seventy-four. They settled on the farm near Bedford line, since owned by James Bell and Timothy Hartshorn. Their children were—

2. *Moses*, b. 24 January, 1771.

3. *Lucy*, b. 14 June, 1772; m. Joseph Rice 15 January, 1797.

4. †*Solomon*, b. 10 June, 1775.

5. *Hannah*, b. 22 March, 1777.
6. *Mehitable*, b. 19 March, 1779.
7. *Mary*, b. 20 April, 1781.
8. *Silas*, b. 9 April, 1784.
9. *Sarah Putnam*, b. 25 February, 1786.
10. *Parker*, b. 21 October, 1788.
11. *Putnam*, b. 26 April, 1792; d. in Ravenna, Ohio, 16 March, 1872.

II. 4. SOLOMON BARRON, b. 10 June, 1775; d. 9 February, 1836; m. Martha McCluer Arbuckle 21 October, 1813. They settled on the "Arbuckle" place, in the Chestnut Hill District, now occupied by William Stewart. Their children were—

12. *Rachel*, b. in 1815; d. in Boston 6 December, 1836.
13. †*Solomon Rice*, b. in 1817.

III. 13. SOLOMON RICE BARRON, b. in 1817; d. in Merrimack from injuries received in a fall 19 March, 1882; m. (1) Fanny Colby 1 September, 1836. She was b. 28 October, 1816; d. 12 July, 1843; m. (2) Mrs. Dolly Channell, who d. 21 July, 1878, aged sixty-three years. Their children were—

14. *William R.*, b. in 1838.
15. *Fanny J.*, b. in 1839.
16. *Martha*, b. in 1843.
17. *Sarah E.*, b. in 1847.
18. *John N.*, b. in 1851.
19. *Clarence F.*, b. in 1854.
20. *Daniel Campbell*, b. in 1859.

21. WILLIAM BARRON m. Sarah Lane. Their children were—

22. *Susannah Lane*, b. 24 December, 1787.
23. *William*, b. 3 April, 1790.

## BARNARD.

ROBERT BARNARD, of Bolton, Mass., m. Mary, daughter Jeremiah Holman, of Lancaster, Mass., where she was b. March, 1722. They lived in Bolton and were the paren

of nine children, three of whom d. in infancy. After the death of her husband Mrs. Barnard rem. to Amherst, where she resided in the family of her son, Rev. Jeremiah Barnard. She d. 13 October, 1823, aged one hundred and one years six months and fourteen days. Of their children—

1. †*Jeremiah*, b. 28 February, 1750; settled in Amherst.
2. *John*; supposed to have settled in Rome, N. Y.
3. *Mary*; m. †Amos Flint, jr. After his death she rem. to Rome, N. Y., and d. there.
4. *Lydia*, b. 2 October, 1757, lived with her brother in Amherst; d. unm., 17 September, 1859, aged one hundred and one years eleven months and fifteen days.

1. REV. JEREMIAH BARNARD, second minister of the town of Amherst; b. in Bolton, Mass., 28 February, 1750; d. in Amherst 15 January, 1835; m. Deborah, daughter of Dr. Nathaniel Henschman, of Lynn, 15 October, 1777. She was a sister of Dr. Nathaniel Henschman, of Amherst, and was b. in Lynn 24 September, 1753; d. in Amherst 12 October, 1833. They settled on Christian hill, in Amherst, in 1780. Their children were—

5. *Betsey*, b. 3 July, 1779; m. Robert M. King in 1803; d. in Rockdale, Iowa, 14 January, 1872, aged ninety-two.
6. *Polly S.*, b. 25 March, 1781; m. David S. Eaton 23 December, 1802; d. in Dorchester, Mass., 17 August, 1860.
7. *Sally*, b. 1 May, 1783; d. 29 December, 1784.
8. *Nancy*, b. 15 August, 1786; m. †Hugh Hamilton Clark 8 November, 1807; d. in Amherst 1 December, 1813.
9. *Robert Mansfield*, b. 6 November, 1788; m. Frances Merry, of Boston, 1 November, 1814; d. in Watertown, Mass., 13 October, 1863.
10. *John Henschman*, b. 7 October, 1791; d. 24 July, 1793.
11. *Lucretia*, b. 26 July, 1796; m. Timothy Danforth 11 January, 1838; resides in Amherst.

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12. Grace Crosby Fisk, daughter of (5) Betsey Barnard, b. 2 September, 1799; d. in Lowell 5 May, 1865; unmarried.

#### BARRETT.

1. HENRY R. BARRETT, b. in Athol, Mass., 6 February, 1793; d. 15 October, 1867; m. Abigail Stevens December,



1814. She was b. in Manchester 13 April, 1795; d. 26 October, 1874. They rem. from Manchester to Amherst in March, 1837. Their children were—

2. †Philip S., b. 6 April, 1817.
3. Naomi, b. 27 December, 1818; m. Miles Lovejoy 7 April, 1842; d. 9 January, 1872.
4. Betsey, b. 21 April, 1821; m. Reuben P. Hall; res. in Vineland N. J.
5. John R., b. 29 April, 1823; m. Justina Hall; res. in Chicago.
6. Nancy F., b. 28 March, 1825; m. (1) Alfred Pollard; m. (2) Luther Towne; res. in Nashua.
7. Elvira A. L., b. 16 August, 1827; d. 3 February, 1851; unmarried.
8. Stephen H. R., b. 10 July, 1829; m. Abigail McConihe 28 March, 1854; res. in Fall River, Mass.
9. Sarah H., b. 16 September, 1831; m. James Cochran 23 November, 1857; res. in Amherst.
10. Mary R., b. 16 September, 1831; unmarried; res. in Amherst.

2. PHILIP S. BARRETT, b. in Manchester 6 April, 1817; m. Mary F. Wheeler 22 January, 1847. She was b. in Amherst 22 February, 1823. They res. on the homestead. Their child—

11. Charles M., b. 22 September, 1855; m. M. Loretta Woodward 2 June, 1880.

#### BACHELLER—BATCHELDER.

I. 1. JOSEPH BACHELLER, of Canterbury, England, and his wife, Elizabeth, one child, and three servants, embarked for New England in 1636. On their arrival they settled in that part of Salem which was afterward incorporated as Wenham. He was made a freeman in 1637; was deputy in the General Court in 1644, and was the first representative from Wenham in that body. Their children were—

2. Mark, killed on the march to the Narraganset fort in December, 1675.
3. †John.
4. Elizabeth.
5. Hannah.

II. 3. JOHN BACHELLER settled in Wenham; m. (1) Mary Dennis 12 July, 1661; by her he had (6) Joseph. She d. 26 June, 1663; m. (2) Elizabeth Goodale 4 May, 1665. They had—

- 7. *John*.
- 8. *Mark*.
- 9. †*Ebenzer*.
- 10. *Elizabeth*.
- 11. *Hannah*.
- 12. *Mary*.
- 13. *Sarah*.
- 14. †*David*.

III. 14. DAVID BACHELLER, son of John and Elizabeth (Goodale) Bacheller, m. Susannah Whipple in 1709. She d. 13 June, 1764. He d. 29 January, 1766. Their children were—

- 15. *David*, b. 5 April, 1710; m. Thankful Perham.
- 16. *Susannah*, b. 24 July, 1712; d. in August, 1712.
- 17. *Joseph*, b. 17 September, 1713; m. Mary Perley 26 January, 1737.
- 18. *Nehemiah*, b. 20 May, 1716; m. Experience Perham 16 June, 1738.
- 19. *Abraham*, b. 5 June, 1722.
- 20. †*Amos*, b. 6 April, 1727; m. Lydia Kimball.
- 21. *Susannah*, b. 22 September, 1731; m. †William Fisk.

IV. 20. AMOS BACHELLER, son of David and Susannah (Whipple) Bacheller, b. 6 April, 1727; m. Lydia Kimball; settled in Woburn. Their children were—

- 22. *Israel*, b. 11 May, 1753.
- 23. *Lydia*, b. 9 April, 1756.
- 24. *Elizabeth*, b. 20 November, 1758; m. †John Bachelder, of Amherst.
- 25. *Amos*, b. 17 December, 1761.
- 26. *Susannah*, b. 23 January, 1764.
- 27. *Edmund*, b. 29 June, 1765.
- 28. *David*, b. 15 January, 1768.
- 29. *Isaac*, b. 8 April, 1770.
- 30. *Joseph*, b. 17 July, 1774.

III. 9. EBENEZER BACHELLER m. Sarah Tarbox 29 December, 1699. They settled in Wenham. Their children were—

- 31. *Rebecca*, b. 10 July, 1701.
- 32. *Samuel*, b. 3 March, 1703.
- 33. *Mark*, b. 2 March, 1706.
- 34. *Josiah*, b. 31 January, 1708.
- 35. †*Ebenezer*, b. 24 November, 1710; m. Jerusha Kimball.
- 36. *Elizabeth*, b. 31 March, 1713.
- 37. *Sarah*, b. 22 April, 1717.

IV. 35. EBENEZER BACHELLER, b. 24 November, 1710; m. Jerusha Kimball in 1740; settled in Wenham. Their children were—

- 38. *Anna*, b. 1741.
- 39. *Mary*, b. 1743.
- 40. *Lydia*, b. 1745.
- 41. *Jerusha*, b. 1747.
- 42. †*Ebenezer*, b. 5 November, 1750; settled in Amherst.
- 43. *Elizabeth*, b. 25 January, 1753.
- 44. †*John*, b. 16 August, 1755; settled in Amherst.
- 45. *Mehitable*, b. 19 March, 1761.
- 46. *Samuel*, b. 15 June, 1763.

V. 42. EBENEZER BATCHELDER, b. in Wenham 5 November, 1750; m. Elizabeth (Thompson) Sherwin. They settled in Amherst (now Mont Vernon) soon after, where he d. 24 April, 1849, aged ninety-seven years. She d. 10 March, 1841, aged eighty-five. Their children were—

- 47. *Betsy*, b. 18 July, 1779; m. David Wiley; d. in Landgrove, Vermont.
- 48. *Joseph*, b. 21 November, 1781; m. Anna Cochran; res. in Landgrove, Vt., and afterward in Illinois.
- 49. *Ebenezer*, b. 16 March, 1783; m. Rachel Jones 11 June, 1811; d. 26 February, 1815.
- 50. *Fanny*, b. 8 July, 1785; m. Robert Parker 29 May, 1806; d. in Landgrove, Vt.
- 51. *Lydia*, b. 21 November, 1786; m. Benjamin Wilkins 27 November, 1806; d. in Hillsborough.
- 52. *Mehitable*, b. 25 August, 1788; m. †Isaac Weston.

53. *Reuben Kimball*, b. 7 February, 1790; m. Alice Kendall; d. 13 December, 1867.

54. *Ezra*, b. 2 March, 1792; m. Lydia Batchelder; d. 19 May, 1875.

55. *Atness*, b. 5 April, 1794; m. William Coggin, 2d; settled in Mont Vernon; d. 4 October, 1835.

56. *Leri*, b. 10 March, 1797; m. Mary Peabody; d. in Landgrove, Vt., 16 August, 1856.

V. 44. CAPT. JOHN BATCHELDER, b. in Wenham, Mass., 16 August, 1755; m. Betsey Batchelder; settled in Amherst, (now Mont Vernon) about 1779, where he d. 18 December, 1848, aged ninety-three years. She d. 5 April, 1815, aged fifty-six. Their children were—

57. *John*, b. 6 July, 1780; m. Polly Hildreth 13 September, 1802; d. in Peru, Vt., 9 June, 1851.

58. *Israel*, b. 18 October, 1782; m. Abigail Wiley 28 July, 1805; d. in Peru, Vt., 31 August, 1858.

59. *Betsey*, b. 19 January, 1785; m. †John Haseltine.

60. *Edmund*, b. 5 August, 1787; m. Betsey Jones; d. 23 July, 1869.

61. *Nancy*, b. 19 October, 1789; m. Robert Wason 26 December, 1808; settled in New Boston, and d. there 28 July, 1833.

62. *Lydia*, b. 11 February, 1792; m. her cousin, Ezra Batchelder, and settled in Mont Vernon; d. 29 September, 1882—the last survivor of the family.

63. *Perley*, b. 26 July, 1794; m. (1) Rebecca Damon. She d. 4 July, 1840; m. (2) Alcinda Wason, who d. 18 November, 1870. He d. 22 October, 1878.

64. *Relief*, b. 16 December, 1796; m. Josiah Kittredge 2 September, 1830; d. 11 July, 1868.

65. *Amos*, b. 4 June, 1799; m. Nancy Kidder 1 September, 1831; d. 10 February, 1847.

66. *Cyprien*, b. 17 October, 1803; m. Ira Kendall 10 May, 1832; d. in Goffstown 6 November, 1872.

67. NOAH P. BATCHELDER, b. in Peru, Vt., 19 November, 1833; m. Sarah Elliott 30 January, 1862. She was b. in Amherst 20 September, 1832; d. 24 March, 1871.

68. IRA A. BATCHELDER, b. in Danvers, Mass.; m. Mary S., daughter of Willard Hayden, 31 December, 1862. Their children are—

69. *Georgianna E.*

70. *Walter A.*

71. *Emma L.*

### BATES.

MRS. LUCY S., wife of Augustus Bates, d. 7 April, 1852, aged 40.

### BELL.

JOSEPH BELL, b. in Bedford 17 April, 1757; d. in Amherst 18 May, 1828; m. Mary Houston, 4 June, 1776. She was b. 1753; d. December, 1830. They were buried in Bedford. Their children, all b. in Bedford, were—

1. *Sarah*, b. 4 April, 1777; m. (1) Daniel Platts, 11 May, 1787; m. (2) Oliver Townsend, 26 December, 1815; res. in Bedford.

2. *John*, b. 23 February, 1779; m. Peggy Brown, 1801; res. in Andover, where he settled in 1799. He d. 5 October, 1864.

3. *Mary*, b. 12 April, 1781; m. David Atwood 21 September, 1802; res. in Bedford.

4. *Isaac*, b. 9 April, 1783; m. Susannah Hutchinson 3 February, 1804; res. in Fishersfield, now Newbury; d. there in 1829.

5. *Susannah*, b. 25 September, 1785; d. in infancy.

6. *Joseph*, b. 21 March, 1787; graduated at Dartmouth College in 1807; m. Catherine Olcott, of Hanover; settled in Haverhill; removed to Boston, Mass., 1840; d. at Saratoga, N. Y., 25 July, 1851.

7. *David*, b. 16 October, 1789; m. Polly Houston December, 1808; settled in Hillsborough; d. in Bedford 27 November, 1832.

8. *James*, b. 15 January, 1792; m. (1) Mary Barnett 21 September, 1813. She d. 11 November, 1825, aged thirty-three; m. (2) Rebecca daughter of Ebenezer Weston, of Amherst, September, 1826. He was a resident of Amherst several years, but d. in Bolton, Mass., 25 January, 1864.

9. *Jacob*, b. 30 April, 1795; m. Laura Bartlett, of Haverhill; settled in Haverhill.

### BENDEN.

THOMAS M. BENDEN, b. in Oxbridge, Somerset county, England, 1791; settled in Amherst about 1820 and carried on the tailoring business several years in the store now

cupied by Henry C. Dodge. He m. Sarah Low January, 1821, and d. 2 April, 1848; no children.

### BENNETT.

1. JONATHAN BENNETT, b. in Groton, Mass., 28 November, 1775; d. in Amherst 20 February, 1849; m. Margaret Shattuck May, 1800. She was b. 13 March, 1774; d. 29 November, 1852. He was a brick-mason and an excellent workman. They lived in Groton, Dunstable, and Pepperell. From Pepperell they rem. to Amherst, in the spring of 1835. Their children were—

2. *Sarah*, b. 13 October, 1800; m. Dr. Hezekiah Eldridge; res. in Amesbury, Mass., where she d. 6 April, 1846.

3. *Jonathan*, b. 1 October, 1802; m. Mary Taylor 15 December, 1831; d. in Pepperell.

4. *William*, b. 28 September, 1804; m. Harriet Shattuck April, 1828.

5. *Margaret*, b. 2 September, 1806; m. Jefferson Taylor 24 November, 1825; d. in Moline, Ill., 12 December, 1868.

6. *Louisa*, b. 13 July, 1808; m. †Joel F. Osgood.

7. *James*, b. 2 September, 1811; m. Rebecca Swallow 28 May, 1834; res. in Dunstable.

8. *Wilder*, b. 17 April, 1813; m. Mary Ann Davis November, 1840; res. in Pepperell.

9. †*Alden Bradford*, b. 18 April, 1816.

9. ALDEN BRADFORD BENNETT, b. 18 April, 1816; m. Elizabeth Taylor, 27 November, 1836. Their children are—

10. *Emily*, m. ——— Goodhue. He was a musician in the 1st Regiment N. H. Vols., in the civil war; d. a few years after its close, leaving one child.

11. *Margaret*, m. George Young; res. in Stoneham, Mass.

12. *Sarah Louisa*, m. Oscar Shaffer; res. in Amherst.

13. *Isabella Bradford*, m. Dr. McLeod; res. in New Bedford.

### BILLS.

1. EBENEZER BILLS, b. 25 March, 1760; d. 13 March, 1822; m. Hannah Bullard. She was b. 20 August, 1767; d. 6 March, 1849. Their children were—

2. *Miranda*, b. 5 November, 1785; m. †Ezra Clark.
  3. *Rebecca*, b. 3 October, 1787; m. John Wheeler, of Amherst, 16 December, 1806; d. 1 September, 1857.
  4. *Lucy*, b. 6 November, 1789; m. Elias Thomas, of Amherst, 30 March, 1817; d. 26 April, 1864.
  5. *Shubael*, b. 3 January, 1791; lived in Dedham, Mass.; d. 31 May, 1860.
  6. †*Jabez*, b. 6 December, 1793.
  7. *Philinda*, b. 15 April, 1795; m. Joseph Onion, of Dedham, Mass.; d. 14 March, 1845.
  8. *Sophronia*, b. 31 March, 1798; m. Gera Farnum, of Mont Vernon, 17 October, 1817.
  9. *Semantha*, b. 31 March, 1798; m. Andrew Horn, of Roxbury, Mass.
  10. *Jesse*, b. 15 August, 1802; m. (1) Sarah Ann C. Bliss 9 November, 1828; d. in Roxbury, Mass., 25 December, 1851.
  11. *Mark*, b. 8 April, 1806; m. Maria ———, of Framingham, Mass.; d. in Cambridge, Mass., 26 August, 1853.
  12. *Luke Hamilton*, b. 8 July, 1808; m. Marinda Dodge, of Mont Vernon, 28 June, 1829; d. in Amherst 11 February, 1841.
6. JABEZ BILLS, b. 6 December, 1793; d. 3 November, 1857; m. Lucy E. Crosby, daughter of Joseph Crosby, of Milford, November, 1822. She was b. 29 August, 1804; d. 27 September, 1882. Their children were—
13. *Jabez Fred*, b. 30 August, 1823; m. Lucinda J. Wheeler, of Milford, November, 1850.
  14. †*Freeman Crosby*, b. 6 October, 1824.
  15. *Lucy Ann Maria*, b. 5 February, 1829; m. Barnes B. Putnam, of Nashua, 15 May, 1849.
  16. *Betsy Jane*, b. 16 December, 1830; m. Charles W. Patterson, of Merrimack, 14 June, 1859.
  17. *George H.*, b. 15 November, 1831; m. Lizzie Baldwin, of Manchester.
14. FREEMAN CROSBY BILLS, b. 6 November, 1824; m. Catherine J. Twiss 12 March, 1845. She was b. in Antrim, 21 December, 1824; res. in Amherst. Their children are—
18. †*Lucius F.*, b. 22 April, 1846.
  19. *Horatio C.*, b. 20 February, 1848; m. Clara P. Farley, of Londonderry, 28 November, 1868.

Harry Freeman Bills, child of Horatio C. Bills, d. 9 January, 1876, aged ten months.

20. *Helen S.*, b. 10 January, 1850; m. Philip W. Swett, of Boston. 8 October, 1873; d. in Amherst 27 June, 1880.

21. *Arthur A.*, b. 25 April, 1853; m. Mary C. Bradford, of Amherst. 28 September, 1874.

18. LUCIUS F. BILLS, b. in Amherst 22 April, 1846; m. Jane E. Farley, of Londonderry, 15 September, 1869. Their children were—

22. *Charles S.*, b. in Londonderry 17 July, 1870.

23. *Ezra S.*, b. 19 April, 1872, in Amherst.

24. *Frederick Farley*, b. 1 May, 1874; d. 16 September, 1877.

25. *Daisy Twiss*, b. 28 September, 1876.

#### BISSELL.

LEMUEL BISSELL, b. in Norwich, Vt., 2 May, 1799; m. Mary A. Lemmons. She was b. 26 October, 1803; d. 21 May, 1868. They came to Amherst about 1843, where he carried on the house-painting business several years. He served as town clerk one year; no children.

#### BLAKE.

SAMUEL BLAKE res. on the farm adjoining that of Hon. William Fisk, formerly occupied by John Ellenwood, and since by Capt. Ebenezer Perry. His children were—

1. *Amos.*

2. *Samuel.*

3. *Dolly.*

4. *Abigail*, m. John Warren, 1828.

5. *Alice.*

All have left town.

#### BLANCHARD.

I. THOMAS BLANCHARD came to New England in the ship *Jonathan*, from near Preston, England, in 1639. He settled in Charlestown, Mass., and d. there 21 May, 1654. By his wife, Mary, he had—



1. *Samuel.*
2. *George.*
3. *Nathaniel.*
4. *Jonathan.*
5. †*John.*

Of these,—

II. 5. JOHN, b. in England, was admitted freeman in 1649; settled in Dunstable, and was one of the founders of the church in that place in 1685, of which he was for some years one of the officers. By his wife, Elizabeth, he had a large family, among whom were—

6. *Hannah*, b. 6 January, 1659.
7. *James.*
8. *Benjamin.*
9. *Sarah.*
10. *Mary.*
11. *Nathaniel.*
12. †*Joseph.*
13. *Thomas.*

And perhaps others.

III. 12. JOSEPH BLANCHARD, b. 1669, son of Dea. John, and Elizabeth Blanchard; settled in Dunstable; m. Abiah Hassell 25 May, 1696. She d. 8 December, 1746, aged 70. He d. in 1727. Their children were—

14. *Elizabeth*, b. 15 April, 1697.
15. *Esther*, b. 4 July, 1700.
16. *Hannah*, b. 28 October, 1702.
17. †*Joseph*, b. 11 February, 1704.
18. *Rachel*, b. 23 March, 1705; d. young.
19. *Susannah*, b. 29 March, 1707.
20. *Jane*, b. 19 March, 1708.
21. *Rachel*, b. 23 March, 1712.
22. *Eleazer*, b. 3 December, 1715; d. 29 April, 1717.

IV. 17. JOSEPH BLANCHARD, b. 11 February, 1704; d. 7 April, 1758; was one of the governor's council, by appointment of the king, from 1741 until his death. In 1756 he was colonel of a regiment of five hundred men, raised in New Hampshire, to assist in the expedition against Crown

Point. The companies of rangers, commanded by Rogers and Stark, were a part of the regiment.

Col. Blanchard m. Rebecca Hubbard, who d. 19 April, 1774. Their children were—

23. *Sarah*, b. 1726; d. 30 November, 1726.
24. †*Joseph*, b. 28 September, 1729.
25. *Eleazer*, b. 15 November, 1730; d. 19 March, 1753.
26. *Susannah*, b. 15 November, 1730.
27. *Rebecca*, b. 20 July, 1732; m. ——— Minot.
28. *Sarah*, b. 7 October, 1734; d. young.
29. *Catherine*, b. 11 November, 1730; m. Rev. Elias Smith, of Salem.
30. †*Jonathan*, b. 18 September, 1738.
31. *Sarah*, b. 2 August, 1740; m. †Robert Fletcher.
32. *James*, b. 20 September, 1742.
33. †*Augustus*, b. 20 July, 1746.
34. *Caleb*, b. 15 August, 1749.
35. *Hannah*, b. 21 August, 1751; m. Dr. Ebenezer Starr, 26 March, 1794.

V. 24. JOSEPH BLANCHARD, b. 28 September, 1729, was a noted land surveyor, and assisted in preparing a map of the province, which was published in 1771. He res. in Merrimack, and, toward the close of his life, in Amherst. Their children were—

36. *Lucy*, m. Andrew Wilkins, of Amherst; d. in Thornton, 1809.
37. *Joseph*.
38. *Eleazer*.
39. *Catherine*, m. William Barker, of St. Johns, N. B.
40. *Hannah*, m. †Joseph Nichols 10 March, 1785; rem. to Canada, 1811.

V. 30. JONATHAN BLANCHARD, b. 18 September, 1738; d. 18 July, 1788; m. Rebecca Farwell. She d. 20 August, 1811, aged 72. He was a councillor in 1776; judge of probate for Hillsborough county; and brigadier-general of the militia. They res. in Dunstable. Their children were—

41. *Rebecca*, b. 4 May, 1766; m. Dr. Augustus Starr; d. 19 October, 1810.

- 42. *Grace*, m. †Frederick French.
- 43. *Sophia*, m. Oliver Farwell, of Merrimack.
- 44. *Charles*, b. 14 March, 1776; graduated at Harvard College in 1796; d. at Batavia, N. Y., 16 March, 1811.
- 45. *Abigail*, m. Dr. Joseph F. Eastman, of Hollis.
- 46. *Eliza*, m. Thomas French; d., 1843.

V. 33. **AUGUSTUS BLANCHARD**, b. in Dunstable, 29 July, 1746; d. in Milford, 27 February, 1809; m. Bridget Lovewell, of Dunstable. She was b. 10 July, 1749; d. 25 November, 1836. They settled first in Dunstable, rem. to Merrimack, about 1767, thence to Amherst, about 1777. He commanded a company at Winter Hill, in the winter of 1775-6, and was a prominent citizen in the old south-west parish of Amherst. Their children were—

- 47. *Sarah*, b. at Dunstable, 3 January, 1766; m. John Stearns, of Amherst, 9 October, 1781; rem. to Cambridge, Vt.; d. 1846.
- 48. *Priscilla*, b. in Merrimack, 12 August, 1768; m. (1) John Crosby; (2) Solomon Hallet; d., September, 1847; ten children.
- 49. *Augustus*, b. 18 January, 1770; m. Esther Crosby, 31 January, 1793; d. 12 October, 1829; six children.
- 50. *Hannah*, b. 27 February, 1772; m. Joel Crosby; d. 19 February, 1846; no children.
- 51. *Esther*, b. 4 May, 1774; m. Roger Perkins 26 January, 1796; d. 8 December, 1834; seven children.
- 52. *Bridget*, b. 28 June, 1776; m. †Timothy Danforth; d. 16 July, 1837.
- 53. *Rebecca*, b. in Amherst, 18 November, 1778; m. J. French July, 1798; d. 29 March, 1858; twelve children.
- 54. *James*, b. 25 February, 1781; d. 18 March, 1798.
- 55. *George*, b. 16 August, 1783; m. Mrs. Phebe (Lovejoy) Connor; d. 1831; four children.
- 56. *Jonathan*, b. 22 November, 1785; d. 29 September, 1788.
- 57. *Porter*, b. 16 August, 1788; m. Anne Stickney Souther 4 November, 1810; settled in Concord; was a cabinet-maker and manufacturer of the "Blanchard churns." He was one of the best mechanics of his time; d. 25 May, 1871; three children.
- 58. *Jonathan*, b. 7 April, 1793; res. in St. Louis, Mo.
- 59. *Katherine*, b. in Milford, 18 July, 1796; m. Rufus Taylor, 1833; settled in Damariscotta, Me.; d. 22 January, 1868; one child.

60. SIMON BLANCHARD settled in Amherst (now Milford) about 1776. He was b. in Billerica 23 December, 1749; m. Catherine Wyman. He d. in Milford about 1828. She d. 1838. Their children were—

61. *Dennis*, b. 4 June, 1775.

62. *Abijah*, b. 22 June, 1779.

63. *Amaziah*, b. 27 November, 1781.

64. *Clarissa*, b. 12 May, 1784; m. Philip Eaton 22 September, 1803.

65. *Luther*, b. 1 January, 1787.

66. *Betsy*, b. 29 May, 1789.

67. *Calvin*, b. 22 June, 1791.

68. *Catherine*, b. 26 September, 1793.

69. *Nancy*, b. 27 September, 1793.

70. *Rebecca Abbot*, b. 2 July, 1801.

71. EPHRAIM BLANCHARD, b. in Billerica, Mass., 1 March, 1778; d. 27 June, 1841; m. (1) Elizabeth, daughter of Lt. Robert B. Wilkins. She d. at Provincetown, Mass., October, 1802, aged 22; m. (2) Mary ———. She d. in Lyndeborough 10 December, 1861, aged 85. He carried on the cabinet-making business on Amherst Plain many years; was an active member of the "Christian" (Unitarian) society, and served one year on the board of selectmen. Their children were—

72. *Elizabeth W.*, m. Robert Williams, of Troy, N. Y., January, 1831.

73. †*Ephraim, jr.*

73. EPHRAIM BLANCHARD, JR., d. at Philadelphia, Pa., 6 July, 1859, aged 55; m. Elizabeth B. Coburn, August, 1830. She d. at Providence, R. I., 2 July, 1878, aged 73. Their children were—

74. *Henry Martin*, d. 10 March, 1834, aged 3 years and 6 months.

75. *John Wells*, d. 16 February, 1834, aged 8 weeks.

76. *Fred Henry*, d. 15 April, 1837, aged 13 months.

#### BLOOD.

LEMUEL BLOOD, formerly a stone-mason and brick-layer in Amherst, d. at the Asylum for the Insane, at Concord, 7 May, 1867. Anna, his wife, d. 20 March, 1849, aged 57.

GEORGE BLOOD, a brother of Lemuel, d. in Mont Vernon 16 September, 1854, aged 62. He was a soldier in the war of 1812, and lost an arm in battle. Mary, widow of George. d. 5 August, 1870, aged 77.

MINOT BLOOD, d. 4 August, 1870, aged 67.

### BLUNT.

1. JOHN BLUNT, b. in Andover, Mass., and Sarah Blunt, b. in Wilmington, Mass., settled in Amherst about 1789. She d. in Milford. Their children were—

2. *Sally*, b. in Dover 1 January, 1782; m. Daniel Howe; d. in Foxborough, Mass., 27 September, 1870.

3. *Mary K.*, b. 22 March, 1784.

4. †*John*, b. in Andover 3 June, 1783; d. in Amherst 25 October, 1860.

5. *Anna*, b. in Andover 5 August, 1788.

6. *Isaac*, b. in Amherst 22 September, 1790; d. 3 November, 1791.

7. *Elizabeth*, b. 11 June, 1793; m. James Blanchard 11 September, 1815; d. 5 February, 1873. He was b. 8 October, 1786; d. 7 September, 1854. Their children were—

1. Rebecca K., b. 27 September, 1816; d. 15 September, 1828.

2. Elizabeth P., b. 5 May, 1818; m. †David D. McKean.

3. Edwin, b. 21 May, 1820; d. 27 January, 1841.

4. A son, b. 26 March, 1822; d. 5 April, 1822.

5. Harriett E., b. 19 May, 1823; m. L. M. Jewett 15 September, 1859.

8. †*David W.*, b. 25 July, 1795.

9. *Asenath*, b. 13 January, 1798; m. †Jacob Sargent; d. 20 March, 1877.

10. *Ainsworth E.*, b. 22 February, 1800.

11. *Alvah*, b. 3 March, 1802; d. 6 March, 1802.

12 and 13. Twin sons, b. and d. 15 October, 1803.

14. *Sophia*, b. 2 May, 1805; m. Thurlow Haskell; d. in Indianapolis, Indiana, 28 August, 1868.

15. *Alvah*, b. 19 February, 1808; d. 7 March, 1808.

16. *Rebecca K.*, b. 28 July, 1809; d. 28 January, 1814.

4. JOHN BLUNT, b. in Andover, Mass., 3 June, 1786; d. in Amherst, 25 October, 1860; m. Mary E———. She d.

21 March, 1864, aged 79 years 9 months 21 days. Their children were—

17. *John G.*, b. 23 August, 1817.

18. *Luey Williams*, b. 27 February, 1821.

8. DAVID W. BLUNT, b. 25 July, 1795; d. 30 April, 1868; m. Hannah Burnham 14 December, 1837. She was b. 25 March, 1804; d. 15 January, 1882. Their children are—

19. *Taylor W.*, b. 23 March, 1839; m. Laura E. Moor September, 1866.

20. *Hannah E.*, b. 30 March, 1841; m. George E. Washer 18 May, 1871.

#### BOSWORTH.

1. GEORGE W. BOSWORTH, son of Bela and Joanna (Harlow) Bosworth, b. in Plympton, Mass., 5 September, 1823; m. Amy Cram 2 March, 1847. She was b. in Lyndeborough 9 October, 1823. They settled in Amherst in the spring of 1866. In the recent civil war he enlisted from the town of Lyndeborough, in the 16th Regiment N. H. Vols., and served in the Department of the Gulf as captain of company G. in that regiment. He also enlisted in the 18th Regiment N. H. Vols., in which he served as captain of company F. Their children were—

2. *George N.*, b. 13 September, 1848; d. 27 March, 1853.

3. *Amy F.*, b. 23 November, 1850; d. 17 July, 1854.

4. *Mary E.*, b. 29 December, 1852.

5. *Infant son*, b. 31 January, 1855; d. 4 February, 1855.

6. *Abby F.*, b. 31 January, 1856.

7. *Infant daughter*, b. and d. 2 March, 1859.

8. *Amy H.*, b. 14 December, 1861; d. 18 January, 1862.

9. *George N.*, b. 4 November, 1866.

10. *Amy G. A.*, b. 28 May, 1871.

#### BOUTELL.

The families bearing this name, in Amherst are descended from (I) JAMES BOUTELL, of Salem, who was made a freeman 14 March, 1639, and d. in 1651. His son, (II) JAMES

**BOUTELL**, who d. 5 December, 1716, m. **Rebecca Kendall** 15 June, 1665. She was b. 10 February, 1644; d. 30 August, 1713. She was one of several daughters of **Dea. Thomas Kendall**, of Reading, Mass., who had no sons, and in order to perpetuate the family name, all of his daughters, who married and had sons, gave the name of Kendall to one of them. The children of James and Rebecca Boutell were—

1. *James*, b. 6 April, 1666.
2. *Thomas*, b. 28 March, 1669.
3. †*John*, b. 19 October, 1671.
4. *Rebecca*, b. 25 December, 1674.
5. *Sarah*, b. 7 July, 1677.
6. *Tabitha*, b. 11 May, 1679; d. young.
7. *Tabitha*, b. 22 May, 1680.
8. †*Kendall*, b. 15 June, 1682; m. *Lucy Damon* 7 January, 1700.
9. *Mary*, b. 28 October, 1685.
10. *Elizabeth*, b. 9 October, 1687.

III. 3. **JOHN BOUTELL**, b. 19 October, 1671, settled in Reading. By his wife, Grace, he had—

11. *Rebecca*, b. 15 January, 1697; d. young.
12. *Dorcas*, b. 23 December, 1698; d. young.
13. *Tabitha*, b. 27 January, 1700.
14. *John*, b. 28 April, 1702.
15. *Rebecca*, b. 1704; d. in Amherst, unm., April, 1795; aged 90.
16. †*Joseph*, b. 28 November, 1706.
17. *Dorcas*, b. 17 April, 1709.
18. *Timothy*, b. 18 August, 1711.
19. *Abiel*, b. 6 October, 1713.

IV. 16. **JOSEPH BOUTELL**, b. 28 November, 1706; d. 19 May, 1795; m. *Hannah*, daughter of *Timothy* and *Martha Hartshorn*, of Reading, Mass., 5 July, 1733. She was b. 25 March, 1708; d. 4 November, 1784. They were among the earliest settlers in Souhegan West. He was elected deacon of the church 3 June, 1743, and remained in office until his death. The names of the following children of **Dea. Joseph** and **Mrs. Hannah Boutell** are found on stones in the old cemetery—

- 20. *Joseph*, d. 25 April, 1749, aged 9 years.
- 21. *Dorcas*, d. 1 August, 1749, aged 3 years.
- 22. *John*, d. 22 August, 1753, aged 4 years.
- 23. *John*, d. 3 March, 1756, aged 3 months.
- 24. *Joseph*, d. 4 October, 1757, aged 1 month.

III. 8. KENDALL BOUTELL, b. 15 June, 1682; d. 8 January, 1770; m. Lucy Damon 7 January, 1706. She d. 11 December, 1759. They settled in Reading, Mass.

V. 25. KENDALL BOUTELL, probably a grandson of Kendall and Lucy, was b. in Reading, Mass., 12 August, 1736; m. Sarah ———. They settled in Amherst where he d. 12 August, 1820. She d. in April, 1812, aged 76. Their children were—

- 26. †*Joseph*, b. 6 March, 1757.
- 27. *Sarah*, b. 15 January, 1760; d. young.
- 28. *John*, b. 8 August, 1762; settled in Vermont.
- 29. †*Caleb*, b. 3 November, 1766.
- 30. *Kendall*, b. 11 June, 1769; settled in Vermont.
- 31. *Sarah*, b. 7 February, 1772; m. †John Weston 12 March, 1793.

26. JOSEPH BOUTELL, 3d, b. 6 March, 1757; settled in Amherst. By his wife, Abigail, he had—

- 32. *Rhoda*, b. 27 July, 1781; m. †Ebenezer Converse.
- 33. *Loammi*, b. 16 April, 1685; m. Hannah Stevens 26 November, 1812; settled in Reading, Mass., and d. there.
- 34. *Luther*, b. 8 August, 1789; d. in Marlow 14 December, 1862.
- 35. *Calvin*, b. 8 August, 1792; d. young.
- 36. *Abigail*, b. 2 June, 1794; m. Zaccheus Gerry, of Stoneham, Mass., 28 April, 1822; d. 31 December, 1878.
- 37. *Calvin*, b. 10 August, 1797; res. in Hopkinton.

VI. 29. CALEB BOUTELL, b. 3 November, 1766, d. 22 June, 1845; m. Rebecca Converse, 15 November, 1797. She was b. 22 February, 1781; d. 5 April, 1869. Their children were—

- 38. *Rebecca*, b. 2 April, 1799; m. Paschal Fletcher, of Dunstable, 31 January, 1826.
- 39. *Everline*, b. 10 March, 1801; m. †Samuel B. Melendy.
- 40. †*Robert*, b. 13 June, 1803; m. Frances Melendy.



- 41. *Mary Ann*, b. 5 August, 1805; m. Loammi Fletcher. of Dunstable, 25 December, 1832.
- 42. *Sarah*, b. 27 February, 1808.
- 43. *Ruth*, b. 1 May, 1810; m. Thomas F. Wilson.
- 44. *Sophia*, b. 26 December, 1812; m. Benjamin Goodridge 4 April, 1839; d. at Fairbanks, Iowa. 3 January, 1881.
- 45. *Almira*, b. 4 September, 1815; d. 7 October, 1858; unmarried.
- 46. †*Francis Kendall*, b. 1 November, 1818.

VII. 40. ROBERT BOUTELL, b. 13 June, 1803; m. Frances Melendy 29 January, 1829. They res. in Amherst. Their children are—

- 47. *Caroline F.*, b. 13 January, 1839; m. John A. Junkins, of Nashua, 23 November, 1854.
- 48. *Sarah M.*, b. 23 March, 1832; m. John Wallace, of Boston, 31 December, 1869.
- 49. *Henry R.*, b. 1 June, 1836; m. Mary C. Miller, of Merrimack, 2 August, 1863.

VII. 46. FRANCIS KENDALL BOUTELL, b. 1 November, 1818; m. Eliza J. C. Danforth 22 December, 1842. She was b. 23 September, 1822; res. in Amherst. Their children are—

- 50. *Albert F.*, b. 26 March, 1845; m. Eliza A. H. Sanderson, of Mont Vernon, 19 March, 1866.
- 51. *George R.*, b. 19 July, 1847; m. Addie S. Davis, of Milford, 23 December, 1869.
- 52. *Charles C.*, b. 7 October, 1850; m. Mary E. Loveland, of West Randolph, Vt., 19 October, 1874.
- 53. *Creighton P.*, b. 5 July, 1856.
- 54. *Elmer*, b. 22 April, 1861.

55. REUBEN and EUNICE BOUTELL, from Reading, Mass., settled in Amherst prior to the Revolutionary war. About 1778 they rem. to Antrim. Their children, b. in Amherst, were—

- 56. *Ruth*, b. 21 January, 1771; m. Daniel Dunclee 14 April, 1803; d. 5 December, 1822.
- 57. *Sarah*, b. 8 December, 1774.
- 58. *Joshua*, b. 4 June, 1777.

59. JOSEPH BOUTELL, JR., was a resident in Amherst prior to the Revolution. He d. 6 January, 1807, aged 74. Hannah, his widow, d. 11 May, 1808, aged 70. Their son—

60. JOSEPH BOUTELL, 3d, b. 27 March, 1766, m. Sarah Eaton, of Reading, Mass., 23 June, 1788. She d. 3 November, 1829, aged 66. He d. 7 July, 1828. Their children were—

61. *Hannah*, b. 1793; m. (1) Mavorick Smith, February, 1830; m. (2) John Haseltine. She d. 10 March, 1877; no children.

62. †*Lilly E.*, b. 1796.

63. *Sarah*, b. 1799; d. 23 December, 1823; unmarried.

62. LILLY E. BOUTELL, m. Phebe Holt, of Temple, February, 1820. She was b. 8 January, 1793; d. 27 October, 1847. He d. 24 July, 1829, aged 33. Their children were—

64. *George E.*

65. *Phebe.*

The children of (66) AMOS and ELEANOR BOUTELL were—

67. *Eleanor*, b. 12 January, 1772; m. William Dodge 6 June, 1804.

68. *Sarah*, b. 10 August, 1773.

69. *Elizabeth*, b. 10 March, 1775.

70. *Ruth*, b. 1 March, 1777.

71. *Lydia Lewis*, b. 11 June, 1780.

72. AARON BOUTELL, m. Tabitha Eaton 19 December, 1780. He d. 17 December, 1839, aged 86. Their children were—

73. *Tabitha*, b. 17 July, 1781; m. William Brown, jr., 18 August, 1799.

74. *Thomas*, b. 25 August, 1784.

75. *Eliza Parker*, b. 7 January, 1789; m. Samuel Stewart, of Lyndeborough, 10 March, 1811.

76. ABRAHAM E. BOUTELL, m. Nancy Brown 31 December, 1816. They resided in the easterly part of the town, near Lilly E. Boutell's. He d. 25 June, 1835, aged 43. His widow and children rem. to Lyndeborough, where she m. (2) Mr. Abbott. She d. in Lyndeborough. Their children were—

77. *Ann*, m. Bradley Raymond; res. in Lyndeborough.  
 78. *James*, m. Ellen O'Connell; res. in Lyndeborough.  
 79. *Nancy*, m. Benjamin Miller; d. in Lyndeborough.  
 80. *Jane*, m. (1) Calvin Abbott, of Lyndeborough; m. (2) Charles  
 81. *Brown*, res. in Hancock.  
 82. *Sarah*, m. Warren Ames; res. in Milford.

## BOYLSTON.

I. THOMAS BOYLSTON, of Fenchurch street, London, embarked in the ship *Defiance* for America in 1635; settled in Watertown, Mass., where he d. about 1653, at the age of 38. By his wife SARAH, who d. 14 September, 1704, he had three children—

1. *Elizabeth*.
2. *Sarah*.
3. † *Thomas*.

II. 3. THOMAS BOYLSTON, m. Sarah, dau. of Thomas Gardner, of Muddy River, now Brookline, Mass. She was b. 9 April, 1648; d. 8 July, 1722. He was a surgeon; settled in Brookline, and served in the Narraganset war. Their children were—

4. *Edward*.
5. *Richard*.
6. *Abigail*.
7. *Peter*, whose daughter SUSANNAH m. Dea. John Adams, of Braintree, and was the mother of PRES. JOHN ADAMS. Her sister Anne m. Ebenezer Adams, a brother of Dea. John, and was the mother of REV. ZABDIEL ADAMS, of Lunenburg, the grandfather of Chief-Justice HENRY A. BELLOWES, of New Hampshire.
8. *Sarah*.
9. *Lucy*.
10. *Zabdiel*, a noted physician of Brookline, Mass.
11. *Mary*.
12. *Rebecca*.
13. † *Dudley*.
14. *Joanna*.
15. *Thomas*.

III. 13. DUDLEY BOYLSTON, b. 1688 ; d. 18 April, 1748 ; m. Elizabeth Gardner, and settled in Brookline. Their children were—

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| 16. <i>Anna.</i>      | 22. <i>Richard.</i>  |
| 17. <i>Mary.</i>      | 23. <i>Caleb.</i>    |
| 18. <i>Elizabeth.</i> | 24. <i>Sarah.</i>    |
| 19. <i>Dudley.</i>    | 25. <i>Susannah.</i> |
| 20. <i>Joshua.</i>    | 26. † <i>Edward.</i> |
| 21. <i>Mary.</i>      | 27. <i>Hannah.</i>   |

IV. 26. EDWARD BOYLSTON, b. in Brookline 2 January 1737–8 ; d. in Springfield, Mass., 25 December, 1813 ; was a soldier in the war for independence, in which he was taken prisoner and confined for a long time on the Jersey prison ship, at New York. After the close of the war he settled in Springfield. By his wife Lydia, who d. 20 April, 1813, aged 66, he had—

28. *Elizabeth*, b. 1776 ; m. ——— Wood ; d. in Bloomingville, O., 6 September, 1834.  
 29. †*Richard*, b. 12 August, 1782.  
 30. *Zabdiel*, d. at New Orleans, La., 15 February, 1855, aged 71.  
 31. *Samuel*, d. at Springfield, Mass., 13 August, 1863, aged 77.

V. 29. RICHARD BOYLSTON, b. in Springfield, Mass., 12 August, 1782 ; d. in Amherst 19 July, 1857 ; settled in Amherst, 1809 ; m. Mary Moseley, of Boston, 2 August, 1810 ; she was b. 11 August, 1783 ; d. 5 November, 1866. Their children were—

32. *Elizabeth Worthington*, b. 16 May, 1811 ; m. William G. Eaton, of Boston, June, 1832 ; d. at Newton Center, Mass., 18 February, 1881.  
 33. †*Edward Dudley*, b. 26 January, 1814.  
 34. *Mary Christina Baker*, b. 10 November, 1815.  
 35. *Richard Worthington*, b. 1819 ; d. 13 November, 1845.  
 36. *Catherine Moseley*, b. 19 June, 1820 ; d. 13 October, 1882 : unmarried.  
 37. *Lucy*.

33. EDWARD DUDLEY BOYLSTON, b. 26 January, 1814 ; m. Mercy Plummer Perkins 12 August, 1843 ; she was b. at

Dover 16 March, 1818 : d. 29 December, 1880. Their children were—

38. *Helen Read*, m. †Albert A. Rotch.

39. *Abby F.*

40. *David C. M.* d. at Athol, Mass., 22 October, 1872, aged 24.

41. *Emma P.*, m. Edward F. Locke, of Chelsea, Mass., 26 October, 1880.

### BOYNTON.

MOSES BOYNTON, d. 18 July, 1858, aged 60.

*Samuel*, son of Moses Boynton, d. in Nashua 17 October. 1855, aged 35.

*Emma*, daughter of Moses Boynton, d. 28 October. 1835, aged 13.

### BRADBURY.

MISS ELIZABETH BRADBURY, d. April, 1833, aged 25.

### BRADFORD.

1. WILLIAM BRADFORD, from Middleton, Mass., settled in Souhegan West, at an early date. He m. (1) Mary Lambert 18 January, 1737. She was b. 11 March, 1718; d. 18 February, 1770; m. (2) Rachel Small, who d. in 1802. He d. 1791. His will was presented for probate 7 September, 1791. Children (the two last by second wife)—

2. *Samuel*, b. about 1738; m. Anna Washer, of Amherst, 17 December, 1761; was a Revolutionary soldier; settled in Hillsborough; d. in Antrim 5 February, 1813.

3. *Patience*, m. †Joseph Lovejoy, of Amherst, 9 July, 1761; d. in Amherst, 3 March, 1826, aged 85.

4. *Mary*, m. †John Averill, of Amherst; d. in Mont Vernon 21 August, 1814, aged 73. She was baptized in Middleton, Mass., 1742.

5. †*Enos*, b. 3 November, 1744; m. Sarah Chandler, of Bedford, 24 January, 1769; d. of starvation, from a disease of the throat which prevented him from swallowing food.

6. †*Joseph*, a Revolutionary soldier; d. at Medford, Mass., July, 1775.

7. †*William*, a Revolutionary soldier and a soldier of the war of 1812.

8. *Huldah*, unmarried.
9. *Olive*, m. Reuben Boutell, jr., 11 November, 1779; rem. to Antrim 1783.
10. *Eunice*, m. Moses Pettengill 4 February, 1779.
11. *Hannah*, b. 20 May, 1773; m. James Tuttle, 5 July, 1798.
12. *Lambert*, b. 18 March, 1775; d. in Merrimack 12 February, 1850.

II. 6. JOSEPH BRADFORD, son of (1) William and Mary (Lambert) Bradford; left two children—

13. *Molly*, m. Robert Taggard, 20 Sept. 1793.
14. *Larina*.

They were placed under guardianship 28 April, 1779. They had previously been cared for by Nathan Jones.

II. 7. WILLIAM BRADFORD, JR., son of (1) William and Mary (Lambert) Bradford; m. Hannah — and settled in Amherst. She d. 1 Sept., 1812, aged 56; m. (2) Mrs. Lois Bruce. He rem. in his old age, to Barre, Vt., where he d. 25 Oct. 1816, aged 63 years. His children were—

15. *William*, b. 1780; m. Mary Green; d. in Barre, Vt., 3 March, 1866.
16. *Joseph*, d. in Winchester, Tenn., 19 January, 1859, aged 72.
17. *Mary*, m. Daniel L. Stearns; d. in Goshen August, 1849, aged 52.
18. *Leonard*, settled in Washington.
19. *Anne*, d. unm. in Goshen.
20. *Lucy*, m. Eber Curtis of Antrim.
21. *Fanny*, an adopted daughter; m. Eben Averill; d. 12 February, 1850, aged 66.

5. ENOS BRADFORD, son of (1) William and Mary (Lambert) Bradford; m. Sarah Chandler, of Bedford, 24 January, 1769. He settled near his father in Amherst. Their children were—

22. *Chandler*, b. 20 November, 1772; d. 29 January, 1775.
23. *Enos*, b. 26 December, 1774; d. September, 1797.
24. *Lambert*.
25. *Sarah*, b. 24 January, 1780.
26. *Chandler*, b. 13 August, 1783; d. 22 February, 1784.

27. *Nancy*, b. 1792; m. John Lummus Lampson, of Mont Vernon, 16 November, 1809; d. 23 January, 1812.

III. 23. ENOS BRADFORD, JR., son of Enos and Sarah (Chandler) Bradford; m. Lydia ——— September, 1797. One child—

28. *Charles Jaquith*, b. 8 May, 1796.

II. 12. LAMBERT BRADFORD, son of (1) William, m. Phebe Farnum. He died in Merrimack, 12 February, 1850, aged 75. Their children were—

29. *Polly*, b. 9 March, 1795; m. George Wiley 1 January, 1818.

30. *William*, b. 16 March, 1797; m. Ruth Whiting, of Merrimack, 16 March, 1826.

31. *Minerva*, b. 11 August, 1799.

32. *Nabby*, b. 1 December, 1801.

33. *Susannah*, b. 6 April, 1802.

*Andrew Bradford*

34. CAPT. ANDREW BRADFORD, from Middleton, Mass., brother of William Bradford, settled in Souhegan West previous to its incorporation as a town. He d. in Milford in 1798, aged 80. He m. (2) Mrs. Hannah (Goffe) Chandler, widow of \*Thomas Chandler, of Bedford, daughter of Col. John Goffe. She was b. 16 January, 1723; d. in Milford 14 December, 1819. Children by second marriage—

35. *Rebecca*, b. 7 November, 1757.

36. *Mary*, b. 12 June, 1760; m. John Wallace, of Amherst.

37. *Andrew*, b. 11 June, 1763; m. Lucy Parker 19 December, 1785. No children.

38. *Mehitable*, b. 27 July, 1766.

39. CAPT. JOHN BRADFORD, son of Capt. Andrew Bradford, by his first wife; m. Sarah ———. They settled in

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\* Thomas Chandler and Hannah Goffe were the first couple married in Bedford. At her death she had 8 children, 63 grand-children, 113 great grand-children, and one of the 5th generation; total 185.









Isaac Brooks, 1780-1850

*Isaac Brooks*



Portrait of Mary, Queen of Scots

*Abigail Brooks*



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*Isaac Brooks*



Amherst, but removed thence to Hancock, where he d. 27 June, 1836, aged 93. She d. 27 April, 1822, aged 75. He was an active Whig in the time of the Revolution, served on the town Committee of Safety, commanded a company in the battle of Bennington, and was among the first to scale the enemy's breastworks. Their children were—

40. *Sarah*, b. 16 July, 1769.

41. *Thomas*, b. 8 June, 1771.

42. *John*, b. 9 July, 1773.

43. *Ephraim Putnam*, b. 26 December, 1776; ordained minister of New Boston, 1805; m. Mary M. Barker 1 September 1806; d. in New Boston 14 December, 1845.

44. *Betty*, b. 25 January, 1779.

MRS. ANNE BRADFORD, wife of Charles L. Bradford, d. 16 June, 1866.

### BROOKS.

I. HENRY BROOKS settled first in Concord, Mass., where he was made a freeman in 1639; rem. to Woburn about 1650; d. there 12 April, 1683. His wife, Susannah, d. 15 April, 1681; he m. (2) widow Annis Jaquith 12 July, 1682, who is spoken of as "an ancient and skillful woman," famous for her attainments in the "healing art."

II. JOHN BROOKS, son of Henry and Susannah, res. in Woburn; d. 29 September, 1692. He m. Eunice Mousal 1 November, 1649. She d. 1 January, 1684. Their son—

III. JOHN BROOKS also res. in Woburn. He was b. 1 March, 1664; d. 7 August, 1733; m. Mrs. Mary Richardson 25 February, 1684. They res. in Woburn. Their son—

IV. NATHAN BROOKS, b. 1 November, 1706; settled in Woburn; d. 6 January, 1751; m. Sarah Wyman about 1726, who d. 21 February, 1748, aged 40. Their son—

V. ISAAC BROOKS, b. 31 July, 1729, also res. in Woburn; m. Joanna Holden, June, 1753. He d. 23 June, 1768. Their son—

VI. 1. ISAAC BROOKS, b. in Woburn 16 August, 1757; d. in Amherst 20 December, 1840; m. Abigail Kendrick, daughter of Benjamin Kendrick, of Amherst. She was b. 1766; d. May, 1826. Their children were—

2. *Isaac*, b. 26 September, 1791; d. 6 July, 1796.
3. *Luther Dana*, b. 6 July, 1795; was a merchant on Amherst Plain; d. 22 August, 1829; unmarried.
4. *Abigail*, b. 25 September, 1806; m. Ninian C. Dodge, June, 1828; d. 22 January, 1872.

GARDNER G. BROOKS, formerly a resident in Amherst, d. at Fitchburg, Mass., June, 1841, aged 47.

### BROWN.

1. SAMUEL BROWN, b. in Hollis 25 November, 1779; d. 17 August, 1854; m. Mary Flanders 4 December, 1806. She was b. in Salisbury, Mass., 28 August, 1785; d. 20 May, 1858. They settled in Amherst in 1838. Their children were—

2. *Flanders S.*, b. 28 October, 1807; d. 11 January, 1808.
3. *Samuel F.*, b. 9 January, 1810; d. 23 November, 1854.
4. *Infant*, b. 23 August, 1810; d. young.
5. *Mary J.*, b. 1 September, 1812; unmarried; res. in Amherst.
6. *Moses S.*, b. 19 March, 1815; d. 5 September, 1818.
7. *Joel F.*, b. 7 September, 1817; d. 11 May, 1848.
8. †*Albert P.*, b. 27 November, 1819; m. Sarah Brackett.
9. *Hannah B.*, b. 12 February, 1822; m. George A. Jewett 7 August, 1851; d. in Peterborough 23 July, 1859.
10. *William E.*, b. 12 January, 1825; m. Elizabeth Cragin, at Deep Creek, Va., 17 April, 1851.
11. †*Augustus W.*, b. 20 November, 1827; m. Esther Hamore.
12. *Leonard J.*, b. 30 March, 1831; m. Carrie Prince 19 December, 1861.

8. ALBERT P. BROWN, b. in Hollis, 27 November, 1819; m. Sarah Brackett 27 November, 1851. She was b. in Peterborough, N. H., 7 June, 1820.

11. AUGUSTUS W. BROWN, b. in Hollis 20 November, 1827; m. (1) Esther Hamore 20 January, 1855. She was

b. in West Eden, Me., 6 November, 1827; d. in Amherst 16 April, 1875; m. (2) Leona M. Piper 30 March, 1878. She was b. in Bradford 6 January, 1848. Their children are—

13. *Angie M.*, b. 25 July, 1858.
14. *Luella H.*, b. 2 January, 1863.
15. *Clara F.*, b. 25 May, 1865.

Children of CALEB and ELIZABETH BROWN—

16. *Caleb*, b. 26 May, 1785.
17. *Simeon*, b. 7 June, 1786.
18. *Sarah*, b. 27 April, 1790.
19. *Grace*, b. 5 June, 1792.
20. *Jacob*, b. 9 June, 1794.

Children of (21) WILLIAM and ANNA BROWN. She d. September, 1822.

22. *William*, b. 25 March, 1776.
23. *Thomas*, b. 17 October, 1777.

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*Hannah*, wife of William Brown, d. 3 October, 1863, aged 67.

*Amy*, wife of William Brown, d. 22 June, 1867, aged 69.

*William Brown*, a Revolutionary soldier, d. February, 1825, aged 80.

*Tabitha Brown*, d. 10 August, 1870, aged 89.

*William Brown*, a soldier in the war of 1812, d. 26 February, 1834, aged 50.

*Elizabeth Brown*, wife of John Brown, d. May, 1809, aged 74.

*Mary F. Brown*, d. 20 May, 1859, aged 73.

*Robert Brown*, a native of Amherst, d. at Jaffrey 27 November, 1873, aged 74.

*Mary Frances Brown*, daughter of John, d. 7 May, 1836, aged 17.

*Esther M. Brown*, wife of Augustus W. Brown, d. 16 April, 1875, aged 74.

*John Dalton Brown*, formerly of Amherst, d. at Mont Vernon 29 May, 1879.

BRUCE.

1. REV. JOHN BRUCE, b. in Marlborough, Mass., 31 August, 1757; d. in Mont Vernon 12 March, 1809; m. Lois Wilkins, of Marlborough, 15 December, 1785, who, after his death, m. Maj. William Bradford. She d. in Mont Vernon 12 Febru-



ary, 1828, aged 67. He settled in Mont Vernon, then Amherst, in 1785. Their children were—

2. *John*, d. in infancy.
3. *John*, b. 11 February, 1788; m. Dolly Durant; d. 20 January, 1872.
4. *James*, b. 15 November, 1789.
5. *William*, b. 7 August, 1791; m. Hannah Jones; d. 21 July, 1871.
6. *Lois*, b. 1793; m. Wm. S. Stinson 12 September, 1816; d. 5 October, 1823.
7. *Nathaniel*, b. 1794; d. 2 March, 1874.
8. *Fanny*, m. Stephen Peabody.

#### BRYANT.

MRS. MARY W. BRYANT d. December, 1802, aged 74.

AARON BRYANT, of Tyngsborough, m. Sarah K. Winn in February, 1830.

#### BULLARD.

1. EZRA BULLARD, a native of Dedham, Mass., settled in Lyndeborough, whence he rem. to Amherst, where he d. 18 May, 1827, aged 70; m. Betsey Crowley. She d. in Hyde Park, Vt. Their children were—

2. *John*, m. Rosannah Mills, of Milford; res. in Hyde Park, Vt., and Mont Vernon; d. in Mont Vernon.
3. *Daniel*, m. Abigail Mills; settled in Hyde Park, Vt., where he died.
4. *William*.
5. †*Nahum*, m. Keziah Peabody.
6. *Betsey*, m. Jesse Varles.
7. *Mahala*, d. unmarried.

Mrs. Bullard, the mother of Ezra, d. in Amherst 14 May, 1827, aged 94.

5. NAHUM BULLARD, d. in Amherst 26 March, 1860; m Keziah Peabody, daughter of Moses, jr. and Mary (Marvell) Peabody, 1830. Their children were—

8. *Edmund*, d. in infancy.
9. *Caroline*, m. William Whipple September, 1857; res. in Nashua.

10. *Lorisa*, m. Richard Mahar; res. in Amherst.
11. *Edmund*, m. Rachel Roberts; res. in Mont Vernon.
12. *Mary*, m. Henry Richardson; res. in Nashua.
13. *George*, m. Angeline Davis; res. in Manchester.
14. *Henry*, m. Irene Austin September, 1870; res. in Amherst.
15. *John*, m. Ida Bell Swinington 23 November, 1875; res. in Amherst.
16. *Abby*, m. Lewis Caldwell October, 1860; res. in New Boston.
17. *Anna*, m. Winfield S. Stetson 4 June, 1879; res. in Nashua.
18. *Emma*, m. Frank C. Green; res. in Amherst.
19. *A son*, not named; d. in infancy.

## BURNHAM.

CHARLES H. BURNHAM, b. in Bridgton, Me., 21 July, 1840; m. Lucy A. Haseltine 8 June, 1865. She was b. in Manchester 12 July, 1837. They settled in Amherst April, 1876. Their children are—

1. *Flora L.*, b. 16 December, 1868.
2. *Arthur H.*, b. 10 July, 1872.
3. ASAHEL BURNHAM, m. Lydia, daughter of Moses Peabody, 21 September, 1818.
4. *Sabrina Burnham*, daughter of Asahel and Lydia; d. 9 November, 1845, aged 24.
5. *Anne E. Burnham*, daughter of Andrew; d. 21 December, 1854, aged 29.
6. *Lois J. Burnham*, d. 15 July, 1864, aged 20.

## BURNS.

*Daniel*, son of Daniel and Elizabeth Burns, was b. 4 July, 1791.  
*Hannah*, daughter of George and Jenny Burns, was b. 25 August, 1771.

## Children of JOHN and ELIZABETH BURNS—

- Molly*, b. 10 August, 1774.  
*Joshua*, b. 28 October, 1777.  
*Mrs. Elizabeth Burns*, d. 26 April, 1782, aged 42.

## Children of JOSEPH BURNS and wife—

- Joseph*, b. 1791.  
*Rufus*, b. 30 December, 1792.

## Children of JOHN BURNS and wife—

*John*, b. 25 December, 1785.*Peter*, b. 25 April, 1789.*James*, son of John Burns, jr., and wife, was b. 16 September 1789.

## Children of THOMAS and ELIZABETH BURNS—

*James*, b. 15 August, 1771.*John*, b. 25 June, 1773.*Molly*, b. 12 October, 1777.*Samuel*, b. 17 September, 1779.*John Burns*, d. 4 August, 1782, aged 80.*Peter P. Burns*, d. 4 May, 1857, aged 51 years and 11 months.*William Burns*, 13 December, 1877, aged 78.

## BURTT.

*Cora L. Burt*, d. 6 September, 1880, aged 21 years and 14 days.

## BUTLER.

*Elizabeth Butler*, formerly of Nantucket, d. February, 1822, aged 64.

## BUZZELL.

*Henry G. Buzzell*, d. 14 December, 1870, aged 48 years and 8 months.

## CADY.

DAVID CADY m. Elizabeth Prince, eldest daughter of Lt-Joseph Prince. After his decease she m. Benjamin Roby of Merrimack, where she d. October, 1831, aged 81 years.—  
The children of David Cady were—

*David Prince*, b. 9 August, 1785.*Betsy*, b. 3 December, 1786.

## CALDWELL.

1. DAVID CALDWELL, b. in Nottingham West, now Hudson—  
21 March, 1779; d. in Amherst 20 September, 1856; m—  
Sarah Boggs. She was b. in Warren, Me., 20 November —

1786; d. in Amherst 25 November, 1877, aged 91. They rem. to Amherst from Nottingham West about 1821. Their children were—

2. *Lucinda*, b. 17 July, 1811, in Nottingham West.
3. *Mary Ann*, b. 29 January, 1813; m. Solomon B. Emerson, of Lowell, Mass., November, 1846.
4. *Dustin B.*, b. 5 February, 1815; d. in Nashua 6 August, 1875.
5. †*Isaac F.*, b. 29 September, 1817.
6. *Eliza Jane*, b. 18 February, 1820; d. 6 July, 1824.
7. *Harriet E.*, b. 6 April, 1822, in Amherst.
8. *George L.*, b. 26 May, 1824.
9. *Charles A.*, b. 2 March, 1827.
10. †*Edward A.*, b. 20 July, 1829.
11. *Maria A.*, b. 13 December, 1832; m. George F. Hills, of Merrimack, 26 November, 1863.

5. ISAAC F. CALDWELL, b. 29 September, 1817; m. Mary H. Nourse, of Lowell, Mass., 5 December, 1855. Their children were—

12. *James Herbert*, b. 11 July, 1857; d. 26 November, 1859.
13. *Annie Elizabeth*, b. 30 October, 1861.
14. *Mary Estella*, b. 5 May, 1865.

10. EDWARD A. CALDWELL, b. 20 July, 1829; m. Philomelia D. Cheever, of Merrimack, 14 May, 1863. Their children were—

15. *Horace D.*, b. 9 March, 1864.
16. *Edwin A.*, b. 8 June, 1866.
17. *Sarah E.*, b. 15 February, 1868.
18. *Albert H.*, b. 28 February, 1871.
19. *Grace B.*, b. 9 February, 1876; d. March, 1876.

JOSIAH CALDWELL, aged 59 years, a resident in Amherst, was found dead by the roadside, in Merrimack, 12 July, 1826.

- Mary*, widow of Josiah Caldwell, d. 9 August, 1848, aged 73.  
*Abel G.*, son of Josiah and Mary Caldwell, d. in New York city 26 December, 1840, aged 26.  
*Cyrus Caldwell*, d. 20 November, 1856, aged 59.  
*Mrs. Caldwell*, his widow, d. 7 October, 1858.

## CAMBRIDGE.

*Edward Cambridge*, son of Mr. Charles Cambridge, d. 1 August, 1807, aged 20. He was an apprentice in the *Cabinet* office.

## CAME.

*Anna Lincoln*, daughter of Brooks R. Came, d. 11 April, 1870, aged 5 years and 2 days.

## CAMPBELL.

I. DANIEL CAMPBELL, a lineal descendant from John Campbell, Duke of Argyle, was b. in Argyleshire, Scotland, in 1660. He was an officer in the army of King William at the battle of the "Boyne Waters," 1 July, 1690. After the close of that war he settled in the north of Ireland. His son—

II. HENRY CAMPBELL, b. 1697, m. Martha Black, whose parents emigrated to Ireland from the vicinity of Aberdeen, Scotland. They remained in Ireland until 1733, when they emigrated to America. Their children, all except the youngest b. in Ireland, were—

1. *William*.
2. *Samuel*.
3. *James*.
4. *John*.
5. *A daughter*, d. in infancy.
6. *Henry*, m. Janet Mack.
7. † *Daniel*, b. in Londonderry 27 June, 1739.

III. 7. DANIEL CAMPBELL, b. in Londonderry 27 June, 1739; d. in Amherst 7 October, 1838; m. Jane, daughter of John Hylands, 25 June, 1760. She was b. in Londonderry 27 December, 1738; d. 23 November, 1815. He commenced a clearing on his land in Souhegan West, in 1759; rem. here with his wife 23 April, 1761. Their children were—

8. *A daughter*, b. and d. 10 March, 1772.
9. *A daughter*, d. young.

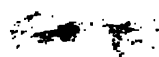




*Daniel Campbell Jr.*







10. *Sophia Leffe*, b. 24 September, 1775; m. James Stocker; res. in Salem, Mass.; d. there 23 September, 1858; no children.

11. †*Daniel*, b. 26 March, 1778.

12. *Jane Hylands*, b. 11 July, 1781; m. Jonathan Beckett 29 November, 1807; res. in Salem, Mass.; d. there 23 November, 1873. Their children were—

1. Daniel Campbell (Beckett), b. 2 November, 1809.
2. Mary Jane, " b. 18 February, 1812.
3. Alfred Henry, " b. 22 November, 1814.
4. Emeline Carleton, " b. 23 July, 1817.

IV. 11. DANIEL CAMPBELL, JR., b. 26 March, 1778; d. 7 July, 1853; m. Susan, daughter of David and Thankful (Burnham) Story, of Dunbarton, 19 November, 1807. She was b. 17 April, 1779; d. 6 June 1842. They settled on the farm cleared and occupied by his father, in school district No. 8. Their children were—

13. *Sophia Ann*, b. 7 October, 1808; d. 21 December, 1809.

14. *Henry*, b. 4 May, 1810; d. 7 December, 1825.

15. *Louisa Story*, b. 9 December, 1811; m. Horace F. Dinsmore 13 January, 1842; res. in Francestown. Their children were—

1. Susan Augusta, b. 15 March, 1843; d. 18 September, 1861.
2. Lucina Campbell, b. 23 September, 1845; m. Liberty Billings 9 April, 1865; d. 20 July, 1869, leaving one daughter.

16. *Daniel*, b. 13 October, 1814; d. 3 October, 1819.

17. *Lucina*, b. 8 September, 1816; d. 24 November, 1835.

18. *Susan*, b. 2 August, 1818; d. 10 November, 1868; unmarried.

19. †*Charles Henry*, b. 24 April, 1821.

V. 19. CHARLES HENRY CAMPBELL, b. 24 April, 1821; m. Anna Rebecca, daughter of Joseph and Lydia (Crehore) Tucker, of Milford, 25 May, 1847. They resided in Amherst until 1866, when they removed to Nashua, where they now reside. Their children were—

20. *A son*, b. and d. 19 March, 1849.

21. *George Hylands*, b. 22 September, 1850; prepared for college in the Boston Latin School and Phillips Academy, Andover, Mass.; entered Dartmouth College but did not graduate; studied law at Harvard Law School, and with Jewell, Gaston & Field, of Boston, and was ad-

mitted to the Suffolk bar in 1874. From 1875 to 1879 he was private military secretary to Governors Gaston and Rice, with the rank of colonel. He resumed the practice of the law in Boston in 1879; unmarried.

22. *Anna Louisa*, b. 27 April, 1853; d. 28 July, 1856.

23. *A son*, b. 20 November, 1858; d. 21 November, 1858

### CARLETON.

1. DEA. OLIVER CARLETON, one of the earliest settlers in the north-west parish: m. Amy Washer. Their children were—

2. †*John*, b. 16 October, 1762.

3. *Rebecca*, b. 21 January, 1761; m. Robert Parker, jr., 11 September, 1783.

4. *Enoch*, b. 15 September, 1765; m. Hannah Peabody.

5. *Oliver*, b. 23 August, 1767; m. Mary Farnum 24 September, 1789; settled in Acworth about 1804.

6. *Amey*, b. 24 May, 1769.

7. *Stephen*, b. 23 October, 1771; d. 1857, aged 86; settled in Acworth as a physician in 1803; never married. "A man of few words, a gentleman of the old school, kind and generous in his feelings, and always trying to do his best when his services were required."

2. JOHN CARLETON, b. 16 October, 1762; d. 20 December, 1838; m. (1) Judith Weston. She was b. 29 March, 1763; m. (2) Tabitha (Wilkins) Gilmore 30 March, 1825. She was a grand-daughter of Rev. Daniel Wilkins, and was b. 28 October, 1774; d. in South Marlow 16 September, 1848. He was a prominent citizen of the north-west parish now the town of Mont Vernon. Their children were—

8. *Clarence*, b. 9 September, 1781.

9. *Judith*, b. 8 July, 1783; m. Josiah Coburn, of Mont Vernon, 27 April, 1804; d. 5 October, 1861.

10. *Emma*, b. 21 August, 1785.

11. *John*, b. 26 July, 1787; res. in Mont Vernon; d. 14 January, 1868.

12. *Mary*, b. 16 June 1790; m. Dr. Luther Smith, of Hillsborough, 22 July, 1817; d. 20 March, 1872.

13. *Daniel Weston*, b. 5 December, 1791; d. in infancy.

14. *Deriel Weston*, 26 November, 1793; d. young.

- 15. *Achsah*, b. 21 July, 1795.
- 16. *George*, b. 16 May, 1797.
- 17. *Lucy*, b. 2 May, 1799.
- 18. *Oliver*, b. 20 July, 1801.
- 19. *Daniel*, b. 27 October, 1805.

Children of (20) THOMAS and MARY CARLETON—

- 21. *Thomas*, b. 1 November, 1771.
- 22. *Sally*, b. 14 February, 1775.
- 23. *David Hartshorn*, b. 27 February, 1777.
- 24. *Joseph Stickney*, b. 12 November, 1779.

Children of (25) MOSES and CHLOE CARLETON—

- 26. *Edward Dwight*, b. 3 July, 1820.
- 27. *Mary White*, b. 10 February, 1822.
- 28. *Timothy Worcester*, b. 28 January, 1824.

PETER CARLETON, d. 16 August, 1859, aged 52.

*Hannah M.*, daughter of Peter Carleton, d. November, 1858, aged 18.

DUDLEY CARLETON, d. 19 November, 1873; aged 85 years and 5 months.

*Eliza P. Carleton*, wife of Dudley; d. 10 June, 1867, aged 71.

### CARR.

ALEXANDER M. CARR, son of Dea. James and Ann (Patterson) Carr, was b. in Antrim 15 December, 1791; m. *Hannah Melvaine* 18 April, 1817; d. in Amherst 28 January, 1839. She d. in Bedford 11 July, 1879, aged 86 years 9 months and 5 days. They lived in various places in Antrim and in Bedford, Mont Vernon and Amherst. Their children were—

*Sabra G.*, b. 1818; m. *Abram J. Twiss*; res. in Manchester.

*Lorenzo C.*, m. *Caroline Hastings*; res. in Amherst on the Woolson farm.

*Elizabeth M.*, unmarried; res. in Bedford.

*Mark M.*, m. (1) *Emma Ferson*, of Goffstown; m. (2) *Mary A. Clement*, of Hillsborough; d. in Manchester, 1872.

*Hannah J.*, m. *Timothy Jones*; res. in Amherst.

*Alexander M., jr.*, d. unm., aged 25.

## CARTER.

1. OLIVER CARTER, b. in Wilmington, Mass., 5 June, 1810; m. Sarah Goodhue 10 November, 1836. She was b. 7 April, 1815; d. 2 August, 1875. They settled, about 1842, on the farm on Chestnut hill, formerly owned by Lt. John Patterson. Their children were—

2. *Mary Elizabeth*, b. 30 July, 1837; m. Henry S. Emerson; res. in Northwood.

3. †*James Oliver*, b. 14 May, 1839; m. Susan S. Melendy.

4. *Sarah Louisa*, b. 8 March, 1842; d. 11 September, 1843.

5. *Emily Frances*, b. 19 June, 1856; m. Rodney H. Prince 30 May, 1878; d. 1 February, 1883.

8. JAMES OLIVER CARTER, b. 14 May, 1839; m. (1) Susan S. Melendy. She was b. 12 February, 1840; d. 11 September, 1864; m. (2) Mary L. Goodhue, of North Andover, Mass., 5 December, 1866. Their children were—

6. *Charles Oliver*, b. 25 November, 1861; d. 17 June, 1863.

7. *Peter Woodbury*, b. 4 September, 1833; d. 20 January, 1864.

8. *Susan Smith*, d. 11 September, 1864.

9. *Arthur William*, d. 25 December, 1867.

SIMEON CARTER, b. in Wilmington, Mass., 7 May, 1785; d. 8 June, 1856; m. Esther Ames 11 November, 1821. She was b. in Wilmington 8 April, 1798; d. in Stoneham, Mass., 17 December, 1863. They rem. from Wilmington to Amherst in November, 1835, and res. several years on the farm now owned by Luther Coggin. Their children were—

*Simeon, jr.*

*Cynthia*, m. Cyrus C. Low, 16 June, 1842.

*Willard*, b. 1833.

*Harlan P.*, d. 17 March, 1840, aged 3 years and 9 months.

*Henry Gowing*, b. June, 1836; a soldier in the civil war; killed in battle at Tupelo, Miss., 14 July, 1864.

*Harriett*, b. 1811; m. John B. Heath, of Stoneham, Mass., 17 September, 1859.

WILLIAM CARTER, a former resident in Amherst; a native of Wilmington, Mass.; d. in Lebanon 11 November, 1875,

aged 87 years and 6 months. Mrs. Persis Carter, wife of William Carter, d: at Lebanon 29 May, 1833, aged 71 years.

## CARTWRIGHT.

*Hannah Cartwright*, d. June, 1836, aged about 70.

## CASH.

*James Cash* and *Rachel Hassell* m. 20 January, 1808. He d. 2 January, 1827, aged 45. She d. 11 June, 1851, aged 72.

## CAVENDER.

JOHN CAVENDER, a native of Peterborough, was for some years a clerk in David Holmes's store, on the Plain. After leaving Amherst he was engaged in manufacturing at Sanbornton and other places. Finally he settled in St. Louis, Mo., where he d. 5 June, 1863, aged 66.

## CHAMPNEY.

*Martha J.*, daughter of Charles C. Champney, d. 28 November, 1859, aged 20.

## CHANDLER.

DANIEL CHANDLER, twin brother of David, b. in Andover 9 July, 1754; m. Joanna Stevens, of Amherst; resided for some years in Amherst; rem. thence to Putney, Vt., in 1794. She d. in Coventry, Vt., aged 74. He d. while confined for debt in Amherst jail, and was buried in Merrimack. Their children were—

*Joanna*, b. in Andover 8 August, 1774; m. (1) Asa Spalding; m. (2) Josiah Fletcher, of Dunstable.

*Daniel*, b. 4 March, 1777; m. Sally Danforth 13 September, 1803.

*Samuel*, b. in Amherst; killed in Merrimack, in 1806, by a log rolling over him.

*Dorcas*, m. (1) Silas Spalding 27 November, 1806; m. (2) Josiah Blood.

*Sally*, m. George Cobb, of Westmoreland, 21 March, 1805.

*Josiah*, m. Martha Hill, of Merrimack, 12 January, 1817.

*Boadicea*, b. 29 April, 1789; m. Jesse Miller at Westminster, Vt., March, 1818.

*Phebe*, b. 10 July, 1793; m. Amos Wilkins 29 December, 1813.

*John*, d. 10 March, 1813, aged 18 years 6 months.

### CHAPMAN.

MRS. MARY CHAPMAN, d. 1 October, 1866, aged 82 years and 9 months.

### CHASE.

MRS. S. MELISSA CHASE, wife of Rev. B. W. Chase, d. 15 January, 1872. She was b. in Antrim 9 November, 1836.

### CHEEVER.

BENJAMIN CHEEVER and Mary Wilkins were m. in Middleton 21 October, 1725. They were settled in Souhegan West in 1747.

NATHANIEL CHEEVER and Mary Bancroft, of Reading, Mass., were m. 9 November, 1769. They were for some years residents in Amherst.

### CHICKERING.

1. ISAAC CHICKERING, b. in Andover, Mass., 5 August, 1770; d. in Amherst 13 December, 1838; m. Ruth Foster, of Canterbury, 20 February, 1799. She was b. 25 December, 1776; d. 3 September, 1834. They settled in Northfield at first, but rem. from that place to Amherst about 1800. Their children were—

2. †*Isaac*, b. 13 October, 1801.

3. *Maria*, b. 1 December, 1803; m. Asa E. Foster; d. in Erie, Pa., 24 June, 1859.

4. *Albert Emerson*, b. 7 May, 1806; d. 2 October, 1838; unmarried.

5. *Elizabeth*, b. 22 January, 1808; d. 25 January, 1808.

6. *Calvin*, b. 6 March, 1809; m. Caroline Crary, of Ellicottville, N. Y.; d. 15 November, 1846.

7. *Harmon*, b. 23 November, 1810; d. 21 July, 1841; unmarried.

8. *Julia Ann*, b. 28 August, 1815; m. (1) Moses Atwood, of Concord, 5 May, 1846; m. (2) Rev. B. F. Clark, of Chelmsford, Mass., 30 November, 1854.

2. ISAAC CHICKERING, JR., b. 13 October, 1801; d. 6 November, 1857; continued the tanning business of his father; m. Susan Atwood in June, 1842. She was b. in Wilmot 28 October, 1820. Their children were—

9. *Julia Ann*, b. 23 April, 1843; m. Daniel C. Shirley 23 April 1860.

10. *Albert E.*, b. 8 April, 1848; m. Anna Copp, 23 December, 1869.

#### CLAGGETT.

WYSEMAN CLAGGETT was a native of Bristol, England. He settled in Portsmouth in 1758; rem. thence to Litchfield in 1771, and d. there 4 December, 1784; m. Lettice Mitchell, of Portsmouth, 14 August, 1759. She d. in Bedford 2 April, 1827, aged 85. After the death of Mr. Claggett she m. (2) Simon McQueston, whom also she survived. The children of Wyseman and Lettice (Mitchell) Claggett were—

1. *Martha*.

2. †*Clifton*.

3. *Wentworth*.

4. *Edward*.

5. *Rita*.

6. *John*, d. young.

7. *William*.

8. *John K.*

2. HON. CLIFTON CLAGGETT, b. in Portsmouth 3 December, 1762; d. in Amherst 26 January, 1829; m. Margaret McQueston, of Litchfield. She d. 17 October, 1842, aged 78. They settled first in Litchfield; rem. to Amherst in 1811. Their children were—



9. *Susan*, d. in Amherst, 2 April, 1873, aged 84; unmarried.
10. *William*, b. 8 April, 1790; was a lawyer in Portsmouth; m. (1) *Sarah F.*, daughter of Gov. William Plumer, 20 May, 1816; m. (2) *Mary Thompson* May, 1819. He d. in Portsmouth 28 December, 1870, leaving one son, a resident of New York city. He had been a representative and senator in the state legislature, and was for several years United States naval officer at Portsmouth.
11. *Elizabeth*, m. Alfred Greeley, of Dunstable, September, 1830; d. 5 February, 1832, aged 49, leaving one child, Alfred Claggett Greeley, who d. 28 November, 1832, aged 10 months.
12. *Emma*, d. in Roxbury, Mass., 20 October, 1848, aged 54; unmarried.
13. *Harriett*, d. in Portsmouth 25 December, 1818, aged 20.
14. *Frances*, d. 1 May, 1830, aged 30; unmarried.
15. *Margaretta*, m. Oliver Carlton; d. 13 March, 1829, aged 26.
16. *Lucrecia*, m. † Aaron Lawrence 14 September, 1830.
17. *Cornelia C.*, d. 25 November, 1829, aged 21; unmarried.

## CLARK.

1. TIMOTHY CLARK, b. in Amherst 4 March, 1749; d. 1 September, 1820; m. Lucy Butterfield, of Dunstable, Mass. She was b. 23 September, 1745; d. 23 September, 1820. Their children were—

2. *John*, b. 7 March, 1771; m. Susannah Wilson 2 March, 1801. He d. 6 April, 1814.
3. *Timothy*, b. 10 June, 1772; d. 13 June, 1805; m. Prudence Wilson 21 November, 1793.
4. *Silas*, b. 30 September, 1774.
5. *Lucy*, b. 29 December, 1776; d. January, 1777.
6. † *Ezra*, b. 25 April, 1779.
7. *Lucy*, b. 23 February, 1781; d. 24 December, 1859.
8. *Jacob*, b. 11 June, 1783; d. 8 November, 1824.
9. *Calvin*, b. 8 May, 1784; d. 8 July, 1859.
10. *Cyrus*, b. 28 January, 1788; d. 2 April, 1835.

6. EZRA CLARK, b. in Amherst 25 April, 1779; m. (1) Mianda Bills 5 December, 1805. She d. 10 May, 1834; m. (2) Mrs. Sarah Clark, of Merrimack, February, 1835. He d. in Merrimack 8 May, 1850. The children of Ezra and Mianda (Bills) Clark were—

11. †*Ezra Dexter*, b. 10 August, 1806.
12. *Thomas Jefferson*, b. 24 May, 1808; d. 24 December, 1808.
13. *Orson*, b. 9 October, 1809; d. in Merrimack October, 1840.
14. †*Thomas Jefferson*, b. 9 November, 1811.
15. *William*, b. 27 October, 1813; d. 25 March, 1814.
16. *Caroline*, b. 4 February, 1815.
17. *William*, b. 6 March, 1817.
18. *Mianda*, b. 16 July, 1819.
19. *Fezon*, b. 10 July, 1821.
20. *Timothy Franklin*, b. 31 July, 1823; d. in Roxbury, Mass., 4 May 1862.
21. *Manly*, b. 5 March, 1825.
22. *Jacob*, b. 23 May, 1827.

11. EZRA DEXTER CLARK, b. 10 August, 1806; d. 8 June, 1859; m. Harriet Felton 7 April, 1831. She was b. 5 July, 1808. Their children were—

23. *Harriet Caroline*, b. 14 November, 1831.
24. *Charles Clinton*, b. 27 March, 1833; m. Emma Brett, of Boston, Mass., 29 November, 1879.
25. †*William Rodney*, b. 5 November, 1834.
26. *Emily Frances*, b. 31 September, 1838.
27. *Walter Lewis*, b. 15 October, 1842; m. Lucy J. Thomas, 3 January, 1867.
28. *Laura Amanda*, b. 2 December, 1846; m. Joel F. Osgood, jr., 23 May, 1863.

25. WILLIAM RODNEY CLARK, b. 5 November, 1834; m. Ruth Melicent Hall, of Milford, 29 March, 1855. Their children are—

29. *Emma Louisa*, b. 25 October, 1855.
30. *Vida Ruth*, b. 7 August, 1857.
31. *William Dinsmore*, b. 20 November, 1860.

14. THOMAS JEFFERSON CLARK, b. in Amherst 9 November, 1811, d. 27 February, 1876; m. Lucy Clark 7 July, 1835. She was b. 6 May, 1811. Their children are—

32. †*Charles J.*, b. 18 May, 1838.
33. *Sarah A.*, b. 29 October, 1849; m. Harvey N. Chandler, of Hardwick, Vt., 17 October, 1861.
34. *Mary A.*, b. 17 June, 1844; m. Rodney W. Burdick 29 January, 1866.

35. *Harriet A.*, b. 16 May, 1847; m. Charles H. Kinson 18 December, 1865.

32. CHARLES J. CLARK, b. 18 May, 1838, m. Mary E. Conrey, of Nashua, 14 December, 1868. She was b. 11 December, 1842. Their children are—

36. *Lilly M.*, b. 22 November, 1869.

37. *Nellie M.*, b. 23 April, 1871.

38. HUGH HAMILTON CLARK, a native of New Boston, b. 2 November, 1780, was a merchant in Boston, Mass.; d. there 11 April, 1818; m. Nancy, daughter of Rev. Jeremiah Barnard. She was b. 15 August, 1786; d. in Boston, Mass., 1 December, 1813. Their children were—

39. *Nancy Barnard*, b. 18 November, 1803; m. Hon. Charles G. Atherton; res. in Boston, Mass.

40. *Frances Mary*, b. 29 December, 1810; m. Rev. Alonzo Hill, of Worcester, Mass.; res. in Boston, Mass.

41. *Jeremiah Hamilton*, b. 23 September, 1812; d. young.

42. FARNUM C. CLARK came to Amherst about 1857; m. Alma A., daughter of John Leavitt, 3 April, 1858; resided on the farm formerly occupied by her father; d. there 6 December, 1872, aged 60. Their children were—

43. *Nancy J.*, b. 16 April, 1859.

44. *Harriett*, b. 11 April, 1830.

45. *Lucy Ann*, b. 21 February, 1864; d. 9 July, 1869.

46. *Charles*, b. 13 August, 1865.

47. *John*, b. 21 November, 1866.

The children of (48) JAMES and LYDIA CLARK were—

49. *Mehitable*, b. 18 June, 1765; m. Benjamin Estey 16 May, 1791.

50. *James*, b. 21 June, 1768.

51. *Ebenezer*, b. 5 January, 1771.

52. JOHN CLARK, b. in New Boston 3 September, 1768, d. in Francestown, 12 February, 1831; m. Rebecca Wallace 17 October, 1793. She was b. in Londonderry 1 June, 1772; d. in Amherst 29 March, 1855. Immediately after their marriage they settled in Hancock where their children were

born. After the death of Mr. Clark, his widow and a part of her children rem. to Amherst. Their children were—

53. *Ann Wallace*, b. 14 September, 1791; d. in Amherst 12 August 1838.

54. *Samuel Wallace*, b. 15 December, 1795; graduated at Dartmouth College in 1823; at Andover, Mass., in 1827; ordained and installed pastor of the Congregationalist church in Greenland in 1829; m. (1) *Frances W. Clark*, of New Boston; m. (2) *Rebecca Howe*, of Westminster, Mass. Their children were—

1. *Frances Moor Wallace*, d. young.
2. *John Howe*, graduated at Dartmouth College; surgeon in the United States navy.
3. *Lucy Barron*.
4. A child, d. in infancy.

55. *Letitia*, b. 3 May, 1797; d. 30 August, 1800.

56. *William*, b. 28 September, 1798; graduated at Dartmouth College in 1822; at Andover, Mass., in 1827; pastor of Congregational church at Wells, Me., from 1829 to 1836; agent for American Tract Society, at the west, from 1836 to 1840, head-quarters at Cincinnati, O; district secretary of the A. B. C. F. M., for northern New England, from 1840 to 1857; secretary of N. H. Home Missionary Society from 1857 to 1876; received the honorary degree of D. D. from Dartmouth College in 1875; now res. in Amherst; m. (1) *Elvira Hurd*, of Newport, January, 1827; m. (2) *Mrs. Mary Carter Wheelwright*, of Bangor, Me., in 1848. She d. 7 April, 1871. Their children were—

1. *William Bradbury*, b. 13 January, 1842; graduated at Amherst College in 1863; m. *Lucy E. David* 17 July, 1872; is a lawyer in Bloomington, Wis.
2. *Elvira Louisa*, b. January, 1845; d. in infancy.

57. *Gilman*, b. 14 April, 1800; m. *Sarah C. Christie*, of Antrim; was a missionary of the A. B. C. F. M. among the Seneca Indians, near Buffalo, N. Y., in 1827-28; subsequently a farmer in Foxcroft, Me.; now res. in Savannah, Ga. Their children were—

1. *John Gilman*, a lawyer in Savannah, Ga.
2. *William Wallace*, res. in Foxcroft, Me.
3. *Sarah Letitia*, d. young.
4. *Mary Jane*, d. young.

58. *Rebecca*, b. 30 October, 1801; d. August, 1802.

59. *John*, b. 24 June, 1804. He was for many years a teacher in Georgia and Alabama; now res. in Oberlin, O.; m. Elizabeth Tenney, a native of Dunbarton. Three children—

1. A son, d. at the age of 7 years.
2. Willianne, m. F. N. Finney.
3. Ella, m. ——— Steele.

60. *Lydia Gordon*, b. 6 November, 1807; unmarried; res. in Amherst.

61. *Letitia Rebecca*, b. 3 March, 1810; unmarried; d. in Amherst 2 May, 1882.

62. *Mary Abigail*, b. 12 March, 1814; m. Cephas H. Kent, pastor of the Congregational church in Kennebunkport, Me., and afterward in Freeport, Bradford, Enosburg, and Ripton, Vt.; now res. in New Haven, Conn. Their children were—

1. Frances Letitia, m. Rev. Stephen Knowlton.
2. William Clark, a lumber merchant in Chicago, Ill.
3. Evarts, now pastor of the First Congregational church at Atlanta, Ga.
4. Abbie Wallace, uun.; res. with her parents.
5. Cephas Henry, d. young.
6. John, d. young.
7. Ann Wallace, d. in infancy.

*Daniel Clark* and Lucy Truel were m. 6 September, 1793. He d. in August, 1851, aged 92.

*James*, son of Daniel and Lucy Clark: d. 2 May, 1817, of "spotted fever," aged 21.

*Dorothy Clark*, their daughter, d. 13 June, 1840, aged 27.

*Ebenezer Clark* and Hannah Holt were m. 17 August, 1786.

*Lois Clark*, their daughter, d. in December, 1819, aged 20.

*Ebenezer Clark* and Prudence Clark were m. 18 March, 1815.

*John Clark* d. 9 August, 1818, aged 19; drowned while bathing.

*Charlotte Clark*, formerly of Amherst, d. at Nashua 9 February, 1844, aged 37.

*Josiah Clark* d. in December, 1833, aged 74.

*Joshua Clark* d. in January, 1806.

*Widow Susannah Clark* d. 27 April, 1817, aged 74.

*Peter Clark* and Lucy Clark were m. 18 August, 1803.

A child of Peter Clark d. in April, 1806.

*Lizzie F.*, wife of Charles C. Clark, d. 14 January, 1873, aged 32.

## CLEAVES.

NATHAN CLEAVES, b. 17 July, 1748, d. 25 August, 1812.

*Sarah Cleaves*, his widow, d. 1 July, 1817, aged 67.

NATHANIEL CLEAVES m. (1) Hannah Bradford 10 April, 1794; m. (2) Relief Barker, daughter of Dea. Ephraim Barker. He d. in Mont Vernon 16 December, 1850, aged 72. Their children were—

*Miranda*, d. in April, 1803, aged 5 years.

†*James Barker*, and others.

JAMES BARKER CLEAVES, b. in Constable, N. Y., 7 September, 1820; d. in Amherst 18 November, 1850; m. Joanna Hartshorn. She was b. 10 October, 1824. One child—

*Lucy A.*, b. 29 August, 1847.


## COBURN.

GEORGE C. COBURN, son of Josiah and Judith (Carleton) Coburn, of Mont Vernon, b. 14 July, 1806; d. 24 November, 1835; m. Mahala J. Secombe 30 March, 1831. She was b. 27 July, 1806; d. 23 April, 1838. Their children were—

*George E.*, b. 11 March, 1832; m. Ellen Davenport, of Canton, Mass., 21 May, 1863; d. in Fitchburg, Mass., 22 February, 1881; two children.

*Sabrina Frances*, b. 2 August, 1833; d. 14 May, 1848.

## COCHRAN.



JAMES COCHRAN, one of the earliest settlers in Souhegan West, was a native of Ireland. He was elected deacon of the church, in 1744, in place of Captain Humphrey Hobbs, and held the office until his death 5 January, 1774. Jonathan Cochran, who came home sick from the army, and d.

24 January, 1778, and Robert Cochran, who d. in the army, are supposed to have been sons of Deacon Cochran.

JOHN COCHRAN, JR., son of Deacon Cochran, and a Revolutionary soldier, settled in the south-east part of the town; m. (1) ————; m. (2) Lydia Herrick 10 January, 1803. She was b. in April, 1765; d. 23 September, 1836. He d. 24 May, 1833, aged 85 years. Their children were—

*Nancy* (by first wife), m. Jesse Trow, of Mont Vernon, 16 November, 1815; d. in Mont Vernon 25 September, 1878, aged 86.

*Josiah*.

*Mary*, b. in March, 1807; m. Robert Fletcher 11 July, 1832; settled in Amherst; d. 22 February, 1873.

#### COD—CODMAN.

1. HENRY COD, an emigrant from Ireland, settled first in Middleton, Mass., thence rem. to Souhegan West about 1746. He m. Sarah Wilkins, of Middleton, Mass., a cousin of Rev. Daniel Wilkins. She was b. at Middleton 10 August, 1711. The births of two of their children are recorded on the Middleton records—

2. †*Henry*, b. 25 January, 1744.

3. *Sarah*, b. 24 January, 1745. She m. Daniel Wilkins, of Amherst, 13 March, 1763. Probably others were b. in Souhegan West of which no record remains.

2. HENRY COD studied medicine and practiced in Amherst; not liking his surname he added another syllable to it and styled himself Dr. Codman. In his practice he used the remedies common among the people, and told marvelous stories which kept his patients in good spirits and contributed to their recovery. Toward the close of his life he became intemperate and met with many ludicrous adventures in his drunken fits. He was b. in Middleton, Mass., 25 January, 1744; d. in Amherst 14 March, 1812. By his wife, Agnes, who d. 19 January, 1808, aged 69, he had one son and one daughter—

4. *Henry Codman, jr.*, who studied medicine and practiced in the north-west parish, now Mont Vernon. He m. *Rebecca Langdell* 19 February, 1796, and d. 31 July, 1803, aged 29 years. His widow m. (2) *Mr. Hamlin*, and d. 5 May, 1855, aged 76. Her remains rest by the side of those of her first husband, in Mont Vernon cemetery.

5. *Catherine*, d. 10 June, 1781, aged 2 years and three months.

### COGGIN.

1. *JOSEPH COGGIN*, son of Joseph and Mary Coggin, b. in Reading, Mass., 26 March, 1740; m. *Ruth Hopkins*. They rem. from Wilmington to Amherst about 1778, and settled on Potato street, in what is now the north-easterly part of Mont Vernon. Their children were—

2. † *William*.

3. † *Joseph*.

4. *Hannah*, m. (1) ——— Fairfield; m. (2) ——— Fairfield; d. in New Boston.

5. *Ruth*, m. ——— Fairfield; settled and d. in New Boston.

6. *Sally*, b. 28 August, 1782; m. ——— McMillen; d. in New Boston.

2. *WILLIAM COGGIN*, b. in Wilmington in March, 1767; d. in Mont Vernon 18 September, 1856; was a blacksmith and farmer on Potato street; m. (1) *Susannah Haseltine*. She d. 22 October, 1835, aged 65; m. (2) *Mrs. Mary Reed*. She d. 20 September, 1871, aged 85 years and 3 months. His children were—

7. *Susan*.

8. *Nathaniel*.

9. *John*, m. *Lucinda Lund*; is a furniture dealer in Nashua.

3. *JOSEPH COGGIN, JR.*, b. in Wilmington, Mass., in 1771; d. in Milford, 10 January, 1849; m. *Betsey Herrick* 5 September, 1795. She was b. in Wenham, Mass., 7 May, 1769; d. in Mont Vernon 6 April, 1846. They settled on the Coggin homestead, in Mont Vernon, where they resided more than fifty years. Their children were—



10. *William*, b. 22 July, 1790 ; m. (1) *Atness Batchelder* 1 December, 1814 ; m. (2) *Mrs. Sarah (Dunklee) Peacock*. He d. in Nashua 17 May, 1864.

11. *Daniel*, b. 23 June, 1792 ; m. (1) *Rebecca Brigham*, of Goshen ; m. (2) *Elizabeth Briar*. He d. in Milford.

12. *Betsey*, b. 22 May, 1796 ; d. in Amherst 28 September, 1881 ; unmarried.

13. *Fanny*, b. 27 April, 1793 ; m. *Moses Foster*, of Milford ; d. 9 May, 1842.

14. † *Luther*, b. 16 August, 1801.

15. *Mary*, b. 23 May, 1805 ; m. *Levi Dunklee* ; d. in Milford 4 December, 1871.

14. **LUTHER COGGIN**, b. 16 August, 1801 ; d. 18 January, 1877 ; m. (1) *Mary Harwood* 13 September, 1827. She was b. 13 April, 1807 ; d. 4 November, 1859 ; m. (2) *Mrs. M. W. Warriner*, of Bedford, 15 March, 1860. He settled in New Boston where he res. several years, thence he rem. to the Fletcher tavern stand, in Amherst, where he d. His children were—

16. *Mary Augusta*, b. 16 March, 1831 ; d. 23 September, 1854.

17. † *Luther, jr.*, b. 2 January, 1835.

18. † *John H.*, b. 10 March, 1838.

17. **LUTHER COGGIN, JR.**, b. 2 January, 1835 ; m. *Mary L. Cailton*, 9 May, 1861 ; res. on the farm formerly occupied by Simeon Carter, Levi Adams, and others. They have one child—

19. *Clarence L.*, b. 7 June, 1865.

18. **JOHN H. COGGIN**, b. in New Boston 10 March, 1838 ; m. (1) *Harriett N. Secomb* 9 April, 1866. She was b. 9 November, 1838 ; d. 8 January, 1882 ; m. (2) *Mrs. Dell Seavey*, of Nashua, 23 October, 1882 ; res. on the "Fletcher" place formerly owned by his father. His children are—

20. *Frederick Lampson*, b. 11 June, 1870.

21. *George Whitfield*, b. 28 November, 1871.

## COLBY.

I. ISAAC COLBY, b. in Hopkinton 21 May, 1780; d. in Amherst 19 May, 1840; m. Eunice Flagg 9 October, 1803. She was b. in Waltham, Mass., 25 May, 1778; d. 15 January, 1858. They res. at first in Boston, Mass., whence they rem. to Amherst in April, 1810. He was a wide-awake, energetic man, a good neighbor and a useful citizen. Their children were—

*William*, b. 15 September, 1804; m. Sarah Clogston, of Goffstown, 5 June, 1825; d. in Detroit, Mich., 27 November, 1875.

*Eliza*, b. 20 August, 1806; d. 11 May, 1826; unmarried.

*Mary*, b. 27 June, 1810; m. William White 6 October, 1835; res. in Wilton.

*Nancy*, b. 29 October, 1813; m. Ira Wilkins, of Mont Vernon, 18 February, 1835; d. in April, 1858.

*Fanny*, b. 28 October, 1816; m. Solomon R. Barron 1 September, 1836; d. 12 July, 1843.

*George*, b. in August, 1818; d. 15 October, 1854.

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*Marietta*, daughter of Sylvester Colby, b. 22 February, 1848.

## COLSTON.

*Henry F. Colston* d. 16 July, 1879, aged 59.

## CONVERSE.

1. ROBERT CONVERSE, b. in Woburn, Mass., in 1735; d. 30 March, 1826; m. Mary Lamb in 1778. She d. 15 December, 1827, aged 87. They settled in Amherst in 1783. Their children were—

2. †*Josiah*, b. in Stoneham, Mass., 23 February, 1778.

3. †*Ebenezer*, b. 25 February, 1779.

4. *Rebecca*, b. in 1781; m. †Caleb Boutell, of Amherst.

2. JOSIAH CONVERSE, b. in Stoneham, Mass., 23 February, 1778; d. in Hooksett 30 January, 1842; m. Sally Dean 22 December, 1796. She was b. 24 May, 1777; d. in Concord 26 December, 1851. Their children were—

5. *Robert*, b. 7 August, 1793; d. in Haverhill, Mass., 5 May, 1823.
  6. *Mary Dean*, b. 15 March, 1800; m. Thomas Moore 17 November, 1837.
  7. *Sarah Ann*, b. 30 August, 1802; d. in Concord 27 October, 1831; unmarried.
  8. *Elizabeth*, b. 30 September, 1804; m. Thomas Moses, jr., of Boston, Mass., 21 December, 1824.
  9. *Alexander Hamilton*, b. 4 July, 1806; m. Nancy Elliott 20 January, 1835; rem. to Hooksett and d. there 11 November, 1860.
  10. *Josiah*, b. 13 August, 1808; d. 19 August, 1808.
  11. *George Washington F.*, b. 29 September, 1809; m. Sarah T. Goss in January, 1830.
  12. *Jane*, b. 20 January, 1811; m. David G. Fuller 28 April, 1830; res. in Concord.
  13. *Lydia B'anchard*, b. 22 August, 1813; m. William P. Hardy 24 December, 1841; res. in Concord.
  14. *Thomas Bangs*, } b. 18 March, 1816; d. 30 August, 1818.
  15. *Sally*, } d. 18 March, 1816.
  16. *Ruth Adeline*, b. 12 October, 1818; unmarried.
3. EBENEZER CONVERSE, b. in Stonham, Mass., 25 February, 1779; d. in South Merrimack 25 August, 1861; m. Rhoda Boutell November, 1805. She was b. in Amherst 27 July, 1781; d. 14 December, 1875, aged 94. Their children were—
17. *Ebenezer*, b. 15 August, 1806; m. Sabria Adams 30 March, 1820; d. in Nashua 4 September, 1842.
  18. *Joseph Farmer*, b. 13 March, 1808; d. in 1852.
  19. *George*, b. 6 September, 1809; d. 31 December, 1809.
  20. *Mary*, b. 27 April, 1811; m. Henry Howard, jr., 16 November, 1837.
  21. *Luther*, b. 22 May, 1813; d. 5 August, 1834; unmarried.
  22. *Abigail*, b. 4 June, 1815; m. Abner Richardson, of Woburn, Mass., 15 March, 1843.
  23. †*Charles*, b. 2 May, 1817; m. Elizabeth Fuller 18 April, 1843.
  24. *Rufus*, b. 23 May, 1819; m. Eliza Ritterbush in September, 1840.
  25. *Rhoda*, b. 6 October, 1822.
  26. *Robert*, b. 10 August, 1827; d. 5 September, 1833.
23. CHARLES CONVERSE, b. 2 May, 1817, res. in Milford; m. Elizabeth Fuller 18 April, 1843. She was b. 11 March, 1818; d. 6 October, 1875. Their children were—

27. *Sarah F.*, b. 15 September, 1845.
28. *Charles*, b. 28 August, 1848.
29. *Luther B.*, b. 11 January, 1851; m. *Nellie T. Conrey* 28 March, 1877.
30. *Robert*, b. 18 October, 1852.
31. *Charlotte E.*, b. 21 October, 1856; m. *Joseph H. Foster*, of *Milford*, 13 November, 1878.

32. **JACOB CONVERSE**, of another family, m. *Caroline R. Grant* 28 August, 1826, and res. in *Amherst* several years, leaving about 1839. Their children, b. in *Amherst*, were—

33. *Catherine E.*
34. *Almira B.*
35. *Charlotte F.*
36. *Caroline H.*, d. 15 September, 1834, aged 15 months.

#### CORLISS.

- Laura E. Corliss*, d. 26 August, 1868, aged 24.  
*Lillie E. Corliss*, d. 12 April, 1872, aged 10.

#### CRISTY.

Children of **JAMES** and **HANNAH CRISTY**—

- Sarah*, b. 3 March, 1779.  
*Nancy*, b. 23 January, 1781.

#### CROOKER.

1. **MELZAR CROOKER**, b. in *Londonderry* 29 October, 1776, d. in *Amherst* 12 April, 1829; m. *Abigail R. Cox* in 1796. She was b. 27 January, 1778; d. 18 February, 1852. They settled in *Amherst* about 1815. Their children were—

2. *Abigail Rogers*, b. 7 December, 1796; d. 11 December, 1803.
3. *Infant*, b. 15 January, 1799; d. 26 January, 1799.
4. *Meizar*, b. 15 March, 1800; d. 21 October, 1851; unmarried.
5. *Jonathan*, b. 11 March, 1802; m. *Eunice Heath*, of *Bow*.
6. *Isaac*, b. 7 August, 1804; m. *Mary Ann Washer* in June, 1828; d. in *Springfield, O.*

- 7. *Turner*, b. 12 March, 1837.
- 8. *Hezekiah B.*, b. 1 July, 1809; m. *Ann Putnam*, of Chelmsford, Mass.; d. in Boston.
- 9. †*Enos Bradford*, b. 16 October, 1811.
- 10. *Betsey Gage*, b. 18 November, 1813; m. *John Baldwin* 12 March, 1860; d. 20 May, 1877.
- 11. †*James Monroe*, b. 28 February, 1816.

9. **ENOS B. CROOKER**, b. 16 October, 1811; d. 24 October, 1851; m. *Abigail P. Hardy*, of Greenfield, in October, 1837. She d. 24 October, 1851, aged 39 years. Their children were—

- 12. *Frances H.*, b. in 1841.
- 13. *Charles B.*, b. in 1846.
- 14. *Cordelia A.*, b. in 1848.
- 15. *Lizzie*, b. 23 August, 1851; d. 15 July, 1861.

11. **JAMES M. CROOKER**, b. 28 February, 1816; m. *Sarah J. Smith* 19 October, 1842. She was b. in Augusta, Me., 15 January, 1817. Their children were—

- 16. *Mary E.*, b. 5 October, 1843; d. 9 March, 1846.
- 17. *Joseph H.*, b. 23 May, 1845; d. 21 August, 1847.
- 18. *James H.*, b. 3 August, 1847; m. *Julia Hartshorn* 18 February, 1873; res. in Laconia.
- 19. *Olive J.*, b. 7 October, 1850; d. 26 April, 1870.
- 20. *Sarah Ann*, b. 24 October, 1853; m. (1) *C. A. Lowd* 11 October, 1871; m. (2) *David Rhodes* 17 August, 1879.
- 21. *Mary E.*, b. 8 September, 1856; d. 23 July, 1857.
- 22. *Clara M.*, b. 26 December, 1858; m. *Leander B. Barker*, of Boston, 17 January, 1882.

23. **CARROLL J. CROOKER**, son of (5) *Jonathan* and *Eunice Crooker*; m. *Louisa A. Bennett*, of London, England, 26 November, 1872. He is settled on the farm formerly owned by his grandfather, *Melzar Crooker*. Their children are—

- 24. *William B.*, b. 9 September, 1873.
- 25. *Herbert Carroll*, b. 11 May, 1875.
- 26. *Eisie*, b. 8 June, 1877.

*T. Crooker*

27. MAJ. TURNER CROOKER, brother of (1) Melzar, came to Amherst about 1810, and purchased the place now owned by P. W. & Thomas Jones, where he resided a short time. On the breaking out of the war of 1812 he joined the army and was for some time employed as a recruiting officer. Afterward he marched to the northern frontier, where he commanded a company of cavalry, and distinguished himself in the defense of Sackett's Harbor against a superior force. On the reduction of the army in 1815 he was retained on the peace establishment and received a commission as brevet major for meritorious conduct in the war. After some years of service in the army he d. in Virginia. By his wife, Mary, he had several children, among whom were—

- 23. *Sophia H.*, m. Miles Farmer 4 July, 1813.
- 24. *Louisiana W. S.*, d. 23 September, 1818, aged 13.
- 31. *Nathaniel Langdon Williams*, b. 31 January, 1812.

#### CROSBY.

I. SIMON CROSBY, aged twenty-six years, and his wife, Ann, aged twenty-five, with their son, Thomas, came to this country from England in the ship Susan and Ellyn in the year 1635. They settled in Cambridge where he d. in 1639.

II. SIMON CROSBY, their second son, b. in 1637, m. Rachel Brackett in 1659. They resided in Billerica, Mass., of which place he was a prominent citizen.

III. JOSIAH CROSBY, son of Simon and Rachel, b. 11 September, 1667, succeeded his father on the homestead, and d. there, probably, in 1745. He m. Mary Manning, of Billerica, Mass., 2 November, 1703.

IV. JOSIAH CROSBY, son of Josiah and Mary, b. 5 August, 1704; m. Elizabeth French 3 February, 1729. They resided in Billerica, Mass., where he d. prior to 1743.

V. 1. JOSIAH CROSBY, son of Josiah and Elizabeth, b. in Billerica, Mass., 24 November, 1730; settled in Monson, afterward Amherst, now Milford, in 1753; d. 15 October, 1793. He was an active patriot in the war of the Revolution, and commanded the Amherst company in the battle of Bunker Hill; m. Sarah Fitch, of Bedford, Mass., 23 August, 1750. She was b. 25 March, 1732; d. 16 September, 1825, aged 93 years. Their children were—

2. †*Josiah*, b. in Bedford, Mass., 18 October, 1751.

3. †*Joseph*, b. 15 October, 1753.

4. *Sarah*, b. in April, 1756; m. Allen Goodridge; d. at Mont Vernon 27 January, 1812.

5. *William*, b. 29 January, 1758; m. Sarah Shepard 16 November, 1790; he was a prominent citizen of Milford, where he d. 12 May, 1831.

6. *Elizabeth*, b. 27 June, 1760; m. †*William Low*, of Amherst.

7. *Alpheus*, b. 16 November, 1762; m. Elizabeth Gilmore, of Jaffrey, 18 November, 1788. She d. 26 October, 1839, aged 70; m. (2) Mary Foster, of Amherst. He settled in Jaffrey, and d. there 23 April, 1842.

VI. 2. JOSIAH CROSBY, JR., b. in Bedford, Mass., 18 October, 1751, d. in Milford 18 June, 1833; m. Elizabeth Littlehale. She was b. 20 December, 1749. They settled in Amherst, now Milford. Their children were—

8. *Josiah*, b. 22 June, 1773; m. Charlotte Keep, of Groton, Mass.; d. in Milford.

9. *Joseph*, b. 19 October, 1774; m. Anna Conant.

10. *Abraham*, b. 22 June, 1776; m. Mary Tibbets, of Belgrade, Me.; d. in December, 1845.

11. *Sally*, b. 8 April, 1778; m. David Woolson in April, 1798.

12. *William*, b. 12 January, 1780; m. Polly Creasy 9 August, 1812; d. in North Wayne, Me., 16 August, 1855.

13. *Alpheus*, b. 11 March, 1782; m. (1) Deborah G. Turner 28 December, 1802; m. (2) Peggy Gibson 25 March, 1825; m. (3) Martha Miles 30 November, 1830; d. in Hillsborough 15 January, 1835.

14. *Jotham*, b. 19 December, 1783; m. Margaret Beeth.
15. *Betsey*, b. 16 January, 1786; m. John Steele; settled in Reading, Mass., where she d. 15 August, 1866.
16. *Othni*, b. 1 September, 1787; m. (1) Anna Davis, 3 October, 1809; m. (2) Roxanna Burnham, 20 November, 1832; d. 19 December, 1863.
17. †*Porter*, b. 14 April, 1791.
18. *Polly*, b. 25 March, 1793; m. William Crosby, of Merrimack, in August, 1815.

VI. 3. JOSEPH CROSBY, b. 15 October, 1753, d. 9 October, 1842; m. (1) Esther Lane. She d. 2 November, 1794; m. (2) Sarah Richardson. She d. 22 February, 1850. He first settled in Jaffrey, but returned to Amherst where most of his life was spent. His children were—

19. *Grace Read*, b. in Jaffrey, 7 August, 1779; m. Nathaniel French, of Sandwich; d. in Sandwich 12 July, 1855.
20. *John Lane*, d. in infancy.
21. *Joseph*, b. 29 July, 1798; d. 21 September, 1799.
22. †*Otis*, b. in Amherst 22 April, 1800.
23. *Lorenzo Low*, b. 18 February, 1803; d. 14 August, 1805.
24. *Sarah Ann*, b. 15 October, 1812; m. †Langdon Smith.
25. *Lucy Maria*, b. 6 June, 1814; m. Benjamin I. Conant, of Milford, 26 August, 1847; d. 12 June, 1865.
26. †*Joseph Fitch*, b. 16 September, 1819.

VII. 17. PORTER CROSBY, b. 14 April, 1791, d. 20 May, 1858; m. (1) Susannah Hopkins, of Providence, R. I., 19 September, 1812; m. (2) Sarah Dexter, of Albion, Me., 1 April, 1841. She d. in March, 1865. His children were—

27. *Mary Ann*, b. 3 March, 1814; m. Jotham Robbins, of Nashua, 23 October, 1831.
28. *Susan H.*, b. 30 January, 1816; m. Jason H. Dane, of Lowell, Mass., 6 July, 1841.
29. *Henry Carleton*, b. 19 March, 1818; d. at New Orleans, La., 20 May, 1866.
30. *George Porter*, b. 2 February, 1821; m. Harriet N. Saunders, of Nashua, 30 November, 1843.
31. *William*, b. 8 January, 1823; m. Emeline J. Shattuck, of Natick, Mass., 5 January, 1854.



32. *James*, b. 6 February, 1825; d. at Natick, Mass., 16 June, 1825.  
 33. *James H.*, b. 18 May, 1826; d. 10 August, 1829.  
 34. *Joseph*, b. 19 August, 1828; d. 13 July, 1830.  
 35. *Sarah Elizabeth*, b. 26 November, 1830; m. Samuel C. Oliver, of Salem, Mass., 3 October, 1853; d. 24 October, 1858.  
 36. *John H.*, b. 2 April, 1833; d. at New Orleans, La., in 1854.  
 37. *Joseph D.*, b. in Chelmsford, Mass., 22 December, 1842; m. Mary Jane Winch 12 December, 1866.

VII. 22. OTIS CROSBY, b. in Amherst, 22 April, 1800; d. 2 December, 1831; m. Saloma Whipple, of Barre, Vt., in February, 1824. She was b. 26 February, 1804; d. 24 January, 1870. Their children were—

38. *Emeline Frances*, b. 7 June, 1824; m. Daniel S. Perkins 1 January, 1842; d. 18 July, 1869.  
 39. *Saloma Rand*, b. 7 October, 1825; m. James Averill, of Milford, 8 December, 1852.  
 40. *Harriet Augusta*, b. 14 April, 1827; d. 17 February, 1833.  
 41. *Daniel Guild*, b. 17 January, 1829; m. Catherine Castlow, of Boston, Mass., 7 December, 1851.  
 42. *Mary Elizabeth*, b. 3 September, 1831; d. in Lowell 17 March, 1833.

VII. 26. JOSEPH FITCH CROSBY, b. 16 September, 1819; m. Helen M. Averill, of Mont Vernon, 28 March, 1847; settled in Amherst, but rem. to Milford where he now res. She d. in Milford 14 November, 1879, aged 52. Their children were—

43. *Grace Helen*, b. 13 June, 1858.  
 44. *Catherine Bell*, b. 24 May, 1869.

Children of (45) STEPHEN and EUNICE CROSBY—

46. *Eunice*, b. 15 May, 1785.  
 47. *Stephen*, b. 16 March, 1789.  
 48. *Rebecca*, b. 14 December, 1790.  
 49. *Lucy*, b. 9 February, 1793.  
 50. *John*, b. 12 December, 1794.  
 51. *Hannah*, b. 16 July, 1798.

52. SAMPSON CROSBY, b. 21 October, 1731, m. (1) Lucy Richardson 5 May, 1757; m. (2) Lydia Hale 20 May, 1779;

rem. from Billerica, Mass., to Amherst, now Milford. Their children were—

- 53. *Stephen*, b. 3 November, 1757.
- 54. *Lucy*, b. 14 May, 1759.
- 55. *Sampson*, b. 5 June, 1763.
- 56. *Joel*, b. 9 February, 1763; m. Hannah Blanchard.
- 57. *Joshua*, b. 31 May, 1770.
- 58. *Ziba*, b. 24 January, 1772.

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Mrs. Sarah Crosby, mother of Mrs. Thomas Wilkins, d. 10 May, 1832, aged 70.

*Abraham Crosby* d. at Lowell 19 September, 1831, aged 19.

*Josiah Crosby* d. 19 March, 1853, aged 48 years and 6 months.

#### CROSS.

*Nathan Cross* d. in the army at Burlington, Vt., in November, 1812, aged 55.

#### CUMMINGS.

Children of JONATHAN and DEBORAH CUMMINGS—

*Deborah*, b. 28 March, 1772.

*Leonard*, b. 2 June, 1773.

Children of JONATHAN and LYDIA CUMMINGS—

*Hannah*, b. 17 September, 1783.

*Lydia*, b. 28 February, 1793.

Children of MOODY and LUCY CUMMINGS—

*Catherine*, b. 22 October, 1836.

*James*, b. 17 March, 1869.

*Lucy*, b. 22 March, 1811.

SILAS and HANNAH CUMMINGS. Their daughter—

*Hannah*, was b. 18 August, 1774.

#### CURTICE—CURTIS.

JACOB CURTICE m. Mary Stiles, of Boxford, Mass., 26 May, 1752. They seem to have settled first in Boxford, whence,

about 1757, they rem. to Souhegan West. He served as a soldier in several expeditions in the war for independence. Their children were—

1. *Lemuel*, a Revolutionary soldier; m. *Mary Smith* 9 February, 1779; rem. to Antrim in 1784.
2. *Stephen*, b. in 1755; a Revolutionary soldier; m. *Abigail Small*. She d. 10 January, 1782. He rem. to Antrim in 1784; d. there in 1832.
3. *Isaac Palmer*, b. 23 June, 1758; a soldier at "the Cedars," and at Bennington.
4. *Ebenezer*, b. 9 June, 1760; a soldier in the Continental army in 1781; m. *Sarah Parker* 29 December, 1784.
5. *Elizabeth*, b. 8 March, 1762; m. *Isaac Carter* 10 July, 1787.
6. *Mary*, b. 15 April, 1764.
7. *John*, b. 29 January, 1766.
8. *Asaph*, b. 3 May, 1768; d. 4 January, 1769.
9. *Asaph*, b. 15 January, 1770.
10. *Abel*, b. 8 July, 1772.
11. *Sarah*, b. 28 October, 1774.

1. DR. SAMUEL CURTIS, son of Rev. Philip Curtis, of Sharon, Mass., settled in Amherst about 1789; d. 31 March, 1822, aged 74. His wife, Mrs. Abigail Curtis, d. 17 December, 1821, aged 68. Their children were—

2. †*Samuel, jr.*
3. *Fanny*, m. †*Mathew Thornton, jr.*, son of Hon. Mathew Thornton, of Merrimack, and d. 30 April, 1807, aged 26.
4. *William*, d. 16 September, 1805, aged 21.
5. *Robert*, d. 7 July, 1804, aged 19.
6. *Abigail*, d. 2 March, 1796, aged 5.

2. SAMUEL CURTIS, JR., m. Nancy Shepard. He was a house-painter and carried on his business some years in Amherst. He d. in the prime of life, a victim of intemperance, 29 June, 1820, aged 41. His widow m. Luther Roby, of Concord. Their children were—

7. *Samuel*, a merchant in Boston, Mass.
8. *Ann Augusta*, d. in Concord at the age of 16 years.

## CUSHING.

SAMUEL CUSHING, one of the publishers of the *Village Messenger*, res. in Amherst a short time; rem. thence to Philadelphia, Pa., where he died.

JOSEPH CUSHING came to Amherst in the autumn of 1802 and engaged in the printing business. He married Rebecca Edmunds, of Charlestown, Mass., 1 November, 1804. She d. in Baltimore, Md., in December, 1836, aged 54. He d. 2 August, 1852, aged 79. Their children were—

*Rebecca Ann*, d. in Amherst, 4 February, 1806, aged 3 months.

*Rebecca Ann*, b. in Baltimore, Md.; m. J. Wiley Edmunds, of Boston, Mass.

## DAMON.

1. BENJAMIN DAMON, son of John and Rebecca Damon, of Reading, Mass., was b. in Reading 4 June, 1760; d. in Amherst 11 November, 1846; m. Mary Hosea 15 February, 1783. She was b. in Plymouth, Mass., 30 April, 1764; d. 31 July, 1840. They settled in the easterly part of the town, near Damon's pond. Their children were—

2. *Benjamin*, b. 22 December, 1783; m. Sophia Nichols, of Amherst, 10 January, 1811; d. in Concord 25 December, 1872.

3. *Mary*, b. 10 September, 1785; m. Amaziah Blanchard 25 August, 1807; d. in Lyndeborough 12 February, 1842.

4. †*Stephen*, b. 1 July, 1788.

5. *Sarah*, b. 21 May, 1791; m. Richard Swain, of Concord, 2 July, 1817; d. at Nashua 30 November, 1881, aged 90.

6. *Lucy*, b. 2 May, 1794; d. in Concord 18 December, 1877; unmar.

7. *Anna*, b. 13 July, 1797; d. 8 November, 1813.

8. *Rebecca*, b. 12 February, 1800; m. Perley Batchelder, of Mont Vernon, in 1823; d. in Mont Vernon 4 July, 1840.

9. *Calvin Carver*, b. 17 February, 1803; m. Rebecca Farnum; d. in Concord, Mass., 12 January, 1855.

10. *Clarissa Harlow*, b. 17 February, 1803; m. Hall B. Mann, of Pembroke; d. in Pembroke 1 June, 1836.

*Mrs. Rebecca Damon*, mother of Benjamin Damon, senr., d. in Amherst 15 February, 1767.

4. STEPHEN DAMON, b. 1 July, 1788, d. in Bedford 31 May, 1854; m. Nancy Fisk in September, 1815. She was b. 17 June, 1794; d. 7 December, 1854. Their children were—

11. *Francis S.*, b. 16 April, 1816; d. in Illinois 16 March, 1841.
12. *Lucy Ann*, b. 1 June, 1818; m. †David P. Lowe in 1843; d. in Amherst 14 June, 1853.
13. *William F.*, b. 17 April, 1821; d. in Illinois 5 August, 1844.
14. †*Charles A.*, b. 28 August, 1823.
15. *Stephen C.*, b. 21 March, 1826; m. Mrs. Mary J. McClelland in January, 1854; res. in Bedford.
16. *Sarah Jane*, b. 9 June, 1830; d. 10 January, 1853; unmarried.

14. CHARLES A. DAMON, b. 28 August, 1823; killed in battle at Gettysburg, Pa., 4 July, 1863; m. Mary E. Low, of Amherst, in June, 1845. She m. (2) Edson Davis, of Nashua. Their children were—

17. *George W.*, b. in February, 1847.
18. *Clara G.*, b. in July, 1849; m. George Daland; d. 20 May, 1876.
19. *Frank C.*, b. in May, 1851.
20. *Charles E.*, b. in September, 1854.
21. *Nellie*, b. in August, 1856.

22. JOHN DAMON, of Amherst, and Hepsibah Smith, of Reading, Mass., were m. 26 October, 1790. Their children were—

23. *Ebenezer Smith*, b. 31 August, 1791.
24. *John*, b. 6 February, 1795.

25. WARREN DAMON and Betsey Tracy, of Lowell, Mass., were m. in 1850. They res. some years in Amherst. He d. at Tyngsborough, Mass., 20 August, 1877, aged 88 years and 3 months. She d. 5 January, 1871, aged 76 years and 9 months.

#### DANA.

1. HON. SAMUEL DANA, b. in Cambridge, now Brighton, Mass., 14 January, 1739; d. 2 April, 1798; m. Anna Ken-

rick 6 May, 1762. She was b. in Newton, Mass., 30 April, 1742; d. in Amherst 25 October, 1810. They rein. from Groton, Mass., to Amherst in the spring of 1781. Their children were—

2. †*Luther*, b. 13 August, 1763; d. at Fort Preble, Me., in February, 1832.

3. *Amelia*, b. in 1764; m. Jonathan Smith 8 December, 1797; d. in New York city in 1825.

4. *Samuel*, b. in 1767; was a lawyer in Groton and Charlestown, Mass.; m. Rebecca Barrett, of New Ipswich; d. in Groton 20 November, 1835. She d. 11 May, 1831, aged 51.

5. *Thesta*, m. Aaron Brown, of Groton, Mass., 5 February, 1799.

6. *Ann*, d. in Groton, Mass., 21 December, 1811.

7. *Lucy*, b. 24 May, 1770; d. 3 June, 1783.

8. *Mehitable Bowen*, b. 8 November, 1780; m. Samuel Bell, 26 May, 1797; d. 17 September, 1810.

9. *Abigail*, b. in 1782; d. in Salem, Mass., 6 April, 1803; unmarried.

10. *James Green*, b. 11 February, 1785; studied law with his brother Samuel; settled in Frankfort, Ky., where he d. in 1841; unmarried.

2. CAPT. LUTHER DANA, b. in Groton, Mass., 13 August, 1763; m. Lucy Giddings 29 March, 1788. They res. in Amherst several years. He d. at Fort Preble, Me., in February, 1832. She d. in Somerville, Mass., in 1843, aged 71. Their children were—

11. *Jonathan Freeman*, b. 23 September, 1793; graduated at Harvard College in 1813; m. Matilda Webber, of Cambridge, Mass., 18 January, 1818; d. in New York city 15 April, 1827. Their daughter—

Matilda Freeman, was b. 16 September, 1827.

12. *Samuel Luther*, b. 11 July, 1795; graduated at Harvard College in 1813; m. (1) Ann T. Willard in 1819. She d. in 1828; m. (2) Augusta Willard; four children.

13. *Nathaniel Giddings*, b. 9 April, 1797; graduated at West Point Military Academy in 1814; entered the army immediately after, and remained in the service through the remainder of his life. He m. Mary L. Harris, of Portsmouth; d. at Fort McHenry, Maryland, 4 February, 1833.

14. *Thesta*, their only daughter, d. in Exeter in January, 1805.

15. *A son*, d. in infancy.

## DANFORTH.

1. DAVID DANFORTH, son of David and Joanna (Shed) Danforth, was b. in Billerica, Mass., 26 November, 1752; d. in Amherst 4 July, 1827; m. Elizabeth ———; she d. 6 July, 1817, aged 64. They settled in Amherst prior to 1788 in what is now known as Danforth's Corner, where he carried on the blacksmithing business. About 1795 he erected the buildings near the railway station which were occupied as a tavern-stand several years. He was a man of some prominence in town affairs, and served on the board of selectmen for some time. The children of David and Elizabeth Danforth were—

2. †*Jesse*, b. 27 August, 1776; m. Sally Wheat.
3. †*Timothy*, b. 2 April, 1778.
4. *Benjamin*, b. in 1780; m. Polly Wetherby 17 August, 1800; res. some years in Waltham, Mass.; d. in Andover 19 March, 1837.
5. *David*, b. in 1782; res. in Hillsborough; about 1835 he rem. to Maine and d. there.
6. *Rebecca*, b. in 1789; m. †Benjamin Kendrick.
7. *Susan*, m. Eugene Hutchinson, of Milford.

2. JESSE DANFORTH, b. 27 August, 1776; m. Sally Wheat, of Hollis, 24 April, 1797. They settled in Amherst in the Danforth Corner district, where he carried on the blacksmithing business. Their children were—

8. *Jesse*, b. 18 February, 1798; d. in Ottawa, Ill., 1 July, 1849, aged 51.
9. *David*, b. 17 April, 1799; d. 13 October, 1799.
10. *Sally*, b. 3 July, 1800.
11. *David*, b. 19 May, 1802.
12. *Solomon*, b. 8 December, 1803.
13. *Harriet*, b. 30 April, 1805; d. in October, 1812, from injuries received by her clothes taking fire while at school.
14. *Susan*, b. 16 December, 1806.
15. *Benjamin*, b. 17 November, 1808.
16. *Joseph*, b. 4 November, 1810.
17. *Sophronia*, b. 26 October, 1812.

3. **TIMOTHY DANFORTH**, b. 2 April, 1778 ; d. 17 May, 1855 ; m. (1) **Mary Nevins** 12 August, 1798. She was b. in 1768, and d. in 1806 ; m. (2) **Bridget Blanchard** 23 September, 1806. She was b. in Merrimack 23 June, 1776 ; d. in Amherst 16 July, 1837 ; m. (3) **Lucretia Barnard** 11 January, 1838. His children were—

18. *Timothy*, b. in Amherst 26 May, 1799 ; m. **Mary Taylor** in June, 1827 ; d. in Milford 18 September, 1859.

19. *William Nevins*, b. in Milford, 13 July, 1802 ; m. **Lucy Wiley** 25 July, 1831 ; d. in Amherst 2 March, 1849.

20. *Walter*, b. in Milford, 10 February, 1804 ; d. in Portland, Me., 5 August, 1848.

21. *Joel Crosby*, b. in Milford 14 June, 1809 ; m. **Betsey P. Andrews**, of Hillsborough, 29 June, 1830 ; res. in Concord fifty years, and d. there 17 September, 1882. She d. 17 October, 1882, aged 74.

22. *Charles Pinckney*, b. 16 September, 1812 ; m. **Nancy H. Pierce** 15 September, 1840 ; res. in Nashua.

23. *Hannah*, b. 11 November, 1820 ; m. **Dr. C. C. Field**, of Leominster, Mass. ; d. in Leominster 14 May, 1857.

24. **JACOB DANFORTH**, brother of (1) **David**, was b. in Bilerica, Mass., 27 February, 1766 ; learned the blacksmithing business of his brother in Amherst ; m. **Mehitable Lovekin** 16 April, 1787. She d. 24 February, 1804, aged 37 ; m. (2) **Rebecca Fassett** who d. 2 October, 1810, aged 32 ; m. (3) **Mrs. Lydia (Farrar) Adams**. He settled at first in Jaffrey but returned to Amherst in 1811 where he d. 15 November, 1851. His children were—

25. *Oliver*, d. unmarried.

26. *William*, d. at Deering 14 June, 1836, aged 45.

27. *Polly*, b. 16 December, 1794 ; d. 28 July, 1795.

28. *Emily*, b. 11 November, 1795 ; m. **John Chase**, of Groton, Mass., 4 December, 1821.

29. *Kimball*, res. in Groton, Mass.

30. *David*, b. 6 August, 1796 ; blacksmith ; res. in Walpole.

31. *Orpah*, b. 16 October, 1800.

32. † *George*, b. in 1806 ; m. **Sarah Melzar** in 1827.

33. *Mary Ann*, b. in 1808.

34. *Jacob*, b. in 1810 ; d. 17 July, 1839.



32. CAPT. GEORGE DANFORTH, m. Sarah Melzar in 1827. She d. 30 October, 1832, aged 72 years. They res. near Amherst station, Danforth's Corner. Their children were—

35. *Adeline Sophia*, died young.

36. *Lucy A.*, m. Obed Ware 25 November, 1874; res. in Pepperell, Mass.

37. *Edgar A.*, m. (1) Susy A. Marvell 1 October, 1867; m. (2) Jennie Clay; res. in Lyndeborough.

38. *Sarah J.*, m. Charles Hay; res. in Lowell, Mass.

39. *Nellie E.*, m. Arthur Hill 4 May, 1879.

40. SIMEON C. DANFORTH, a nephew of (1) David, was b. in Merrimack 31 March, 1786; d. in Amherst 24 July, 1869; m. Abigail Osgood, of Blue Hill, Me., 7 February, 1811. She d. 13 February, 1854, aged 60 years. They settled in Atkinson, Me., shortly after their marriage; rem. thence to Merrimack about 1830, and to Amherst in 1845, where they died. Their children were—

41. †*Charles C.*, b. 12 April, 1812.

42. *Daniel Osgood*, b. 17 March, 1816; m. Harriet Couch, of Bath.

43. *Solomon*, b. 8 March, 1818.

44. *Sophronia*, b. 25 July, 1819; m. Samuel H. Kingsbury.

45. *Vespasian*, b. 5 November, 1820; m. (3) Louisa Brown.

46. *Eliza Jane C.*, b. 23 September, 1822; m. †Francis K. Boutell.

47. *Simeon C.*, b. 27 May, 1824; m. Harriet Davis 21 September, 1851.

48. *Abigail*, b. 6 May, 1823; d. 22 May, 1830.

49. *Loricy C.*, b. 7 December, 1827; m. John Perkins, of Nashua, 13 March, 1851.

50. *Sarah A.*, b. 2 September, 1830; d. 29 September, 1833.

51. *Rufus E.*, b. 22 August, 1832; d. 8 September, 1833.

52. *Rufus E.*, b. 4 February, 1834; m. Mahala Rand, of Pennsylvania; d. in Keene 28 June, 1863.

41. CHARLES C. DANFORTH, b. in Atkinson, Me., 12 April, 1812; m. Clarissa Caldwell, of New Boston, 30 August, 1835. She was b. 22 June, 1810; d. 28 January, 1880. He commenced work in the whip factory of Melendy & David in the spring of 1830, and remained in Amherst forty years. He served as sexton twenty-five years; now res. in Reading, Mass. Their children were—

53. *Charles H.*, b. 22 March, 1837; m. Sarah F. Lovejoy 23 March, 1861.

54. *John E.*, b. 24 August, 1819; d. 7 January, 1846.

55. *Harriet*, b. 4 December, 1844; m. George A. Richardson, of Reading, Mass., 22 December, 1867.

56. *John E.*, b. 7 January, 1847; d. 25 January, 1864.

57. *Loricy A.*, b. 13 April, 1859; m. Charles B. Eames, of Reading, Mass., 3 February, 1877; d. 17 May, 1878.

58. WILLARD DANFORTH, m. Sarah Kendrick 26 October, 1849. He d. in Amherst 28 March, 1859, aged 30 years.

#### DAVENPORT.

JANE DAVENPORT, a native of England, employed in the family of Rev. J. G. Davis: d. 4 November, 1872, aged 19 years.

#### DAVID.



RESIDENCE OF BARNABAS B. DAVID, Esq.

Built by Robert Means, jr., in 1825; Joseph S. Abbott, of Concord, Architect and Master Builder.

I. JOHN DAVID, a French Huguenot, emigrated from France to this country, and settled in Albany, N. Y., where he d. 26 June, 1794, aged 73 years. His grandson—

III. BARNABAS BRADT DAVID, b. in Albany, N. Y., 8 August, 1802; m. Elizabeth Welch Melendy 25 December, 1825; settled in Amherst in 1830. For more than fifty years he was in connection with his brother-in-law, Samuel B. Melendy, engaged in the manufacture of whips, which business furnished employment to quite a number of their town's people. He represented his adopted town in the legislature one year, and served several years on the board of selectmen. He is now (1882) the senior deacon of the Congregational church. His children were—

1. *Edward Cornelius*, b. 6 January, 1827; m. Eliza J. Smith, of Dubuque, Iowa, 18 September, 1855. She was b. in Potosi, Mo., 10 January, 1833; res. in Cheyenne, Wyoming Territory; four children.

2. *Samuel Melendy*, b. 28 February, 1829; m. Maria J. Edmunds 1 May, 1856. She was b. in Charlestown, Mass., 20 August, 1835; res. in Cambridge, Mass., where he d. 26 August, 1869; five children.

3. *William Glenn*, b. 12 June, 1831; m. Sarah M. Taft 3 October, 1855; She was b. in Lyons, N. Y., 20 September, 1834. They settled at first in Dubuque, Iowa, but rem. to Lyons where he d. 17 August, 1877; four children.

4. *James Barnabas*, b. 4 December, 1833; m. Abby Frances Shirley 23 January, 1868. She was b. in Goffstown 21 November, 1845; res. in Somerville, Mass.; one child.

5. *Elizabeth Welch*, b. 9 February, 1836; m. George W. Nichols 13 November, 1873; res. in Boston, Mass.; one child.

6. *Albert Fitch*, b. 7 August, 1840; d. 20 March, 1842.

7. *Louisa Garaphelia*, b. 1 September, 1846; d. 20 June, 1851.

III. 8. JOHN DAVID, eldest brother of Dea. Barnabas B. David, was b. in Albany, N. Y., 5 September, 1784; d. in Boston, Mass., 28 September, 1820; m. Lucy Hollis, of Boston, Mass. She was b. in Quincy, Mass. 14 May, 1786; d. in Amherst 7 January, 1876. She rem. to Amherst in 1831 and remained here until her death. Their children were—

9. †*John Oliver*, b. 13 July, 1813.

10. †*Charles Henry*, b. 29 May, 1815.

11. *Lucy Ann*, b. in 1818; d. 8 September, 1822.

IV. 9. JOHN OLIVER DAVID, b. in Boston, Mass., 13 July, 1813; m. *Philena Emerson*, of Croydon, 12 November, 1840. Both lost their speech and hearing early in life by sickness, and both were educated at the asylum for the deaf and dumb at Hartford, Conn. Mr. David came to Amherst in his boyhood, and in 1824 went to the asylum where he remained several years. Since his return he has been engaged in the shoe business at Amherst, and for three years as a teacher in the asylum at Hartford. He is now a preacher to the deaf mutes, and an agent for the Boston Deaf Mute Society. Their children were—

12. *Ann Sharp*, b. 19 September, 1841; d. 13 September, 1859.

13. *Lucy Emma*, b. 6 January, 1844; m. *William B. Clark* 17 July, 1872; res. in Bloomington, Wisconsin.

14. *John Gallaudet*, b. 28 February, 1853; is now a salesman in the store of Hawley, Folsom & Martin, Arch and Otis streets, Boston, Mass.

IV. 10. CHARLES HENRY DAVID, son of John and Lucy David, was b. in Boston, Mass., 29 May, 1815; came to Amherst in 1831; learned the whip-maker's trade, and continued in the business until his death 7 October, 1880. He m. *Mary Anne Downe*, daughter of Dea. Abel Downe. She was b. 31 December, 1815; d. 27 December, 1872. One child—

15. *Harriet*, b. 14 February, 1841; res. in Boston, Mass.; unmarried.

#### DAVIS.

1. BENJAMIN DAVIS settled in Souhegan West about 1750. He res. for some time on the place since owned by Reuben Stearns and others; afterward in a small house east of the residence of Hon. William Fisk. He was a soldier in the Revolution; d. 28 November, 1822, aged 98; m. (1) *Eunice* ———; (2) widow *Susannah Fisk*, mother of Hon. William Fisk. His children, all by his first wife, were—

2. *Ezekiel*, b. 1 May, 1751; a Revolutionary soldier; killed by the Indians in central New York 16 June, 1779.

3. *Lydia*, b. 27 September, 1756.

4. *Mary*, b. 10 May, 1758.

5. *Joseph*, b. 27 February, 1761; a Revolutionary soldier; killed by the Indians in central New York 13 August, 1779.

6. *Eunice*, b. 18 May, 1763; m. Asa Hutchinson 4 August, 1785; d. in Fayette, Me., 30 March, 1855, aged 91.

7. *James*, b. 27 October, 1765.

8. JOHN DAVIS. His children were—

9. *John*, b. 9 July, 1751.

10. *William*, b. 5 September, 1753; m. Betsey Jones, of Dublin, 3 April, 1794; settled in Dublin and d. there 28 August, 1819.

11. *Andrew*, b. 4 June, 1755.

12. REV. JOSIAH G. DAVIS, son of Josiah and Elizabeth (Gardner) Davis, was b. in Concord, Mass., 23 February, 1815; settled in Amherst in 1844; m. Abby Atherton Spalding 26 September, 1848. One child—

13. *Rebecca Atherton*, b. 20 August, 1849; m. Dr. George A. Spalding 4 September, 1878; res. in New York city. They have one child, a daughter, b. 25 July, 1881.

#### DEAN.

NEWELL DEAN m. Elizabeth Ray in December, 1826. She d. 7 July, 1858. Their children were—

*Elizabeth*, d. 13 November, 1853, aged 26.

*Sarah F.*, d. 2 April, 1857, aged 25.

*Annie M.*, m. Ambrose Aldrich; d. 12 July, 1861, and others.

#### DICKEY.

1. THOMAS M. DICKEY, d. 24 January, 1846, aged 61; m. (1) Nancy Holden 26 July, 1815. She d. 25 January, 1836, aged 45; m. (2) Rachel Follansbee, of Francestown, 11 October, 1837. She m. (2) Levi Cochran, of New Boston, 11 March, 1852. Their children were—

2. *Henry H.*, b. 14 May, 1816; res. in Lewiston, Me.

3. *Elizabeth E.*, b. 19 October, 1817; m. Samuel McLanahan, of Lowell, Mass., 1 November, 1842.

4. *Nancy*, b. 3 September, 1819.
5. *Thomas*, b. 22 March, 1821.
6. *Mary Jane*, b. 15 January, 1823; d. 15 March, 1840.
7. *Nathan L.*, b. 9 January, 1825; d. 6 December, 1847.
8. *Rebecca G.*, b. 31 March, 1827.
9. *Charles*, b. 23 July, 1829; drowned in California, in December, 1850.
10. *George*, b. 25 February, 1832.
11. *Sarah Ellen*, b. 25 October, 1833; m. Samuel McLanahan, of Lowell, Mass., 21 December, 1853.

**JAMES DICKEY**, b. in Windham 26 September, 1772, d. in Manchester, 13 March, 1856; m. Mary Clark 20 March, 1796. She was b. in Windham 13 September, 1772; d. in Amherst 18 March, 1852. They settled in Windham whence they rem. to Amherst in April, 1821, where they resided for more than thirty years. Their children were—

1. *Annas*, b. 22 December, 1793; m. Chandler Chase 12 December, 1827; d. in Dracut, Mass., 15 October, 1877; three children.
2. *Mary W.*, b. 23 October, 1798; m. Robert Alexander 9 April, 1823; d. in Derry, 30 October, 1855; twelve children.
3. *Eleanor*, b. 30 March, 1801; m. William Johnson 12 September, 1828; res. in Manchester; two children.
4. *Robert C.*, b. 14 February, 1803; d. 26 August, 1804.
5. *Nancy J.*, b. 19 January, 1805; m. John Priest 5 July, 1829; res. in Bradford, Mass.; five children.
6. *James*, b. 13 February, 1807; d. 6 June, 1808.
7. *Sarah A.*, b. 29 February, 1809; m. Solomon Hodgman 5 January, 1836; res. in Manchester; three children.
8. *Basmath*, b. 2 March, 1811; m. Ambrose Charles 7 February, 1839; d. in Manchester 26 July, 1875; five children.
9. *Eliza M.*, b. 31 May, 1813; m. †James Alexander 7 January, 1836; d. in Mont Vernon 25 June, 1854; seven children.
10. *Harriett*, b. 26 July, 1815; m. Timothy B. Phelps 11 September, 1849; res. in Lyme; two children.

**ADAM DICKEY** d. 28 February, 1842, aged 61.

#### DIKE.

**BENJAMIN DIKE**, a Revolutionary soldier, was killed in battle at Bemis' Heights 7 October, 1777. He m. Dorothy

Stearns. She m. (2) William Hastings. The children of Benjamin and Dorothy Dike were—

*Betty*, b. 18 August, 1772.

*Samuel Stearns*, b. 5 July, 1774; m. ——— Flanders.

*Benjamin*, b. 10 October, 1776.

STEPHEN DIKE, probably a younger brother of Benjamin, was placed under the guardianship of Dr. Henry Codman 31 March, 1779, being then above fourteen years of age. He seems to have served in Col. Moses Kelley's regiment for the town of New Boston in 1779. He was a son of Benjamin Dike, of Tewksbury.

#### DODGE.

WILLIAM DODGE came from England in the ship "Lion's Whelp" in the year 1629 and settled in Salem, Mass. Nine years later his brother—

I. 1. RICHARD DODGE, came over, who also settled in Salem. In 1655 Richard bought a tract of land of Roger Haskell and received a grant of a tract east of Brinkle Hill, in Beverly. He was admitted to the church in Salem in May, 1644, and was one of the founders of the church, in Beverly, in July, 1667. He d. in Beverly 15 June, 1671, leaving a widow, Edith, who d. 27 June, 1678, aged 75 years. The children of Richard and Edith Dodge were—

2. *Richard*.

3. *Samuel*.

4. †*John*, b. about 1631; m. Sarah Porter.

5. *Edward*.

6. †*Joseph*, b. in 1651; m. Sarah Eaton, of Reading, Mass.; d. 1 August, 1716.

7. *Mary*, m. Zachary Herrick.

8. *Sarah*, m. Peter Woodbury.

II. 4. JOHN DODGE, b. about 1631, d. in Beverly, Mass., 11 October, 1711; m. Sarah Porter about 1659. She d. 8 February, 1705, aged 60 years. He was a lieutenant in the

Indian war and retained the title until his death. His heirs, in his right, were among the original proprietors of Souhegan West.

III. 9. ANDREW DODGE, son of Lt. John and Sarah (Porter) Dodge, was b. in Beverly, Mass., 29 October, 1676; m. (1) Hannah Fiske 26 May, 1696. She d. 2 December, 1703, aged about 30 years. He m. (2) Sarah ———.

IV. 10. BARTHOLOMEW DODGE, son of Andrew and Sarah Dodge, b. 11 April, 1712, m. Margaret Cleaves, of Beverly, Mass., 30 April, 1742. They settled in Wenham, Mass., where she d. 24 November, 1752. He m. (2) Susannah Thissell, of Beverley, 26 April, 1753.

V. 11. BARTHOLOMEW DODGE, the eldest son of Bartholomew and Margaret (Cleaves) Dodge, b. in Wenham, Mass., 12 February, 1746; d. in Amherst 25 November, 1824; m. (1) Mrs. Martha (Hartshorn) Kimball in February, 1769. She d. about 1790. He m. (2) Jerusha Batchelder 7 August, 1793. She d. in April, 1827. He settled in Amherst shortly before the war for independence. Their children were—

12. *Amos*, b. 18 June, 1769; m. Mary Towne; no children.

13. †*Levi*, b. 26 February, 1771; m. Eunice Fisk.

14. *Naomi*, b. 13 June, 1773; m. †Daniel Moulton.

15. *Martha*, b. 24 July, 1775; m. John Collins Kendall 23 August, 1799.

16. *Sarah*, b. 1 August, 1778; m. Isaac Wheeler 9 June, 1803.

17. *Margaret Cleaves*, b. 12 October, 1780; m. William Fisk, jr., 4 September, 1802; d. in Concord 6 April, 1867.

18. †*Bartholomew, jr.*, b. 26 December, 1784; m. Mary Fisk.

19. *David*, b. 22 March, 1786; d. 14 November, 1807.

VI. 9. LEVI DODGE, b. 26 February, 1771; m. Eunice Fisk, daughter of Hon. William Fisk, 30 December, 1795; d. 21 November, 1842. She d. 3 August, 1861. They settled on Chestnut Hill, near the school house. Their children were—



- 20. *Martha*, d. in infancy.
- 21. *Hiram*, b. 2 January, 1803.
- 22. †*Calvin*, b. 22 March, 1815; m. Lucy M. Hubbard.

VII. 22. CALVIN DODGE, b. 22 March, 1815; m. Lucy M. Hubbard, 28 September, 1843; d. 6 June, 1853. They settled on the farm occupied by his father on Chestnut Hill. Their children were—

- 23. *Henry C.*, b. 13 July, 1844; unmarried; merchant on Amherst Plain.
- 24. *Amos Hubbard*, b. 3 March, 1846; d. 15 October, 1861.
- 25. *Mary Walton*, b. 23 November, 1851; unmarried.

VI. 18. BARTHOLOMEW DODGE, JR., b. 26 November, 1784; d. 7 October, 1838; m. Mary Fisk, daughter of Hon. William Fisk, 10 July, 1806. She d. in Hooksett 15 October, 1857. They settled on the farm previously occupied by his father, and now owned by Jeremiah Upton. He was one of the substantial farmers of the town, a good neighbor, and an excellent citizen. Their children were—

- 26. *Mary Ann*, b. 8 February, 1807; d. 2 May, 1813.
- 27. *Francis P.*, b. 20 September, 1808; d. 6 May, 1815.
- 28. *David N.*, b. 29 January, 1810; d. 17 April, 1829.
- 29. *Allen F.*, b. 22 May, 1812; d. in March, 1814.
- 30. *Mary Ann*, b. 2 May, 1814; m. †Jonathan Knight.
- 31. *Francis Fisk*, b. 28 May, 1816; m. James Smith; d. in Lowell, Mass., 18 January, 1849.
- 32. *Francis A.*, b. 8 September, 1818; d. in January, 1820.
- 33. *Harriet N.*, } b. 4 October, 1820; d. in January, 1821.
- 34. *Horace W.*, } m. Hannah H. Miller, of La-  
moille, Ill., 14 December, 1845.
- 35. *Abby M.*, b. 24 December, 1821; m. Stephen Ballard, of New York, 18 November, 1852.
- 36. *Martha*, b. 8 November, 1823; m. Rev. Allen H. Brown 12 August, 1862; res. in New Jersey.
- 37. *Charles W.*, b. 8 March, 1826; m. Ann Eliza Fisk. He d. in Lowell, Mass., 28 May, 1867.

II. 6. JOSEPH DODGE, b. in 1651, m. Sarah Eaton, of Reading, Mass. He d. 10 August, 1716.

III. 38. JONAH DODGE, son of Joseph and Sarah (Eaton) Dodge, was b. 21 August, 1683; m. Sarah Friend in 1707. They resided in Beverley, Mass., where he d. in 1754.

IV. 39. JAMES DODGE, son of Jonah and Sarah (Friend) Dodge, was b. 4 December, 1715; m. (1) Jemima Patch, of Wenham, Mass., 14 May, 1741.

V. 40. SIMON DODGE, son of James and Jemima (Patch) Dodge, was b. 26 August, 1751; m. Abigail Cook. He was a soldier in the war for independence; settled in New Boston and d. there 8 December, 1838.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Ninian C. Dodge". The signature is written in dark ink on a light background.

VI. 41. NINIAN CLARK DODGE, son of Simon and Abigail (Cook) Dodge, was b. in New Boston 24 May, 1796; was a clerk in the office of the Register of Deeds of Hillsborough county seven years; m. Abigail Brooks in June, 1828. She d. 22 January, 1872. He d. in Boston, Mass., 17 December, 1829, leaving one son—

VII. 42. ISAAC BROOKS DODGE, b. in 1829, who res. on the Brooks homestead; unmarried.

43. SAMUEL DODGE was a son of David and Annah (Low) Dodge. He settled in Amherst prior to the war of the Revolution, and in May, 1785, was described as an "Inn-keeper." He seems to have been one of the prominent citizens of the town. His mother d. here 3 April, 1782, aged 63. His brother, David Dodge, settled in Connecticut. Samuel Dodge d. 29 September, 1785, aged 42 years. By his wife, Sukey Washer, he had ten children—

44. *Samuel*, b. 10 April, 1766; m. (1) Rachel Shepard 4 July, 1784. She d. 23 July, 1785, aged 22; m. (2) Relief Putnam.

45. *Sukey*, b. in 1766; m. Joseph Albree in 1788; d. in Acworth in 1854, aged 86.

46. *David*, b. in 1770; m. — Stevens; was a noted school teacher, and for thirty-eight consecutive years Town Clerk of Charlestown, Mass. He d. in Billerica, Mass., 6 February, 1853, aged 83; had seven children.

47. *Annah*, m. Samuel Rogers, of Syracuse, N. Y.

48. *John*, b. in 1774; m. Hannah Anderson, of Alburg, Vt. He d. in Charlestown, Mass., during the war of 1812; seven children. David Dodge, one of his sons, was killed in battle at French Mills.

49. *Lucy*, m. Asa Gilmore 10 April, 1797; d. in Weston, Vt.; fifteen children, among whom were Addison and Joseph Albree Gilmore, distinguished as railroad managers. The last named was for two years governor of New Hampshire.

50. *Sally*, b. 18 September, 1779; m. †Dr. Rogers Smith 15 January, 1802; d. in Weston, Vt. They were the parents of Asa Dodge Smith, president of Dartmouth College.

51. *Betsey*, m. Hugh Henry, of Chester, Vt.; four children.

52. *Asa*, m. — Stevens; one child.

53. *Rachel*, m. John P. Williams, of Chester, Vt.; eleven children.

None of the descendants of Samuel Dodge remain in Amherst.

54. BENJAMIN DODGE, b. in Beverly, Mass., 13 February, 1758; d. in New Boston 13 January, 1831; m. Eunice Boutell 24 November, 1780. She was b. in Reading, Mass., 14 November, 1761; d. 21 November, 1811. They resided in New Boston, Sullivan, and Amherst, but finally returned to New Boston. He was one of the Grand Jurors, from Amherst, at the May term of the Superior Court in 1783. Their children were—

55. *Elizabeth*, b. 13 January, 1783; m. Solomon Dodge 25 May, 1805; d. 6 December, 1840.

56. *Lydia*, b. 18 June, 1787; m. Samuel Gregg 11 November, 1811; d. in Deering 8 November, 1826.

57. *Charlotte*, b. 23 February, 1790; m. James Boutell 20 December, 1811; d. 17 January, 1844.

58. *Benjamin*, b. 22 January, 1797; m. Mary Smith, of Francestown, 22 November, 1821.

59. *Monice*, b. 23 June, 1799; m. Samuel Dodge 6 February, 1817.

60. *Achsa*, b. 6 July, 1802; m. Rodney George 16 March, 1832.

61. *Rebecca*, b. 20 February, 1806; m. Jacob Bailey 6 February, 1825; two daughters who d. in infancy.

62. **PERLEY DODGE**, b. in New Boston 17 May, 1799; m. **Harriet Woodbury**, daughter of Hon. Peter Woodbury, of **Francestown**, in May, 1831; rem. to Amherst 7 March, 1832. Their children were—

63. *Perley Woodbury*, b. 28 March, 1838; m. *Sophia E. Phelps* 13 August, 1864; res. in Amherst; one child—

1. *Charles Perley*, b. 3 September, 1864.

64. *Charles William*, b. 4 September, 1842; m. (1) *Rebecca C. Cristy*, of New Boston, 4 September, 1869. She d. 2 January, 1873; m. (2) *Lelia J. Small* 11 March, 1878; res. in Amherst. Their children are—

1. *Maurice Whipple*, b. 31 July, 1881.

2. *Martha Belle*, b. 10 July, 1882.

65. *Martha W.*, b. 25 June, 1846; m. *James B. Whipple*, of New Boston, in June, 1877; d. 21 July, 1881.

**EBENEZER and MARY DODGE.** Their children were—

66. *Harriet*, b. 29 October, 1827.

67. *Sarah F.*, b. 15 April, 1830.

#### DOLE.

**WILLIAM DOLE** m. *Fanny*, daughter of Lt. John Patterson, 23 April, 1804. They settled in Amherst, but rem. to Indiana. She d. in Mansfield, Ind., 26 July, 1830, aged 49. Their children were—

*Stephen*, b. 5 February, 1805.

*William*, b. 25 September, 1808; d. 27 January, 1813.

*Franklin*, b. 19 April, 1811.

#### DOUGLAS.

**HANNAH DOUGLAS** d. 22 May, 1862, aged 62 years and 2 months.

#### DOW.

**MRS. Dow**, wife of Samuel Dow, d. in May, 1855.

## DOWNE.

DEA. ABEL DOWNE, from Fitchburg, Mass., settled in Amherst, about 1833, on the farm recently occupied by Samuel Wilkins near the pauper-farm bridge. He was an officer in the church, and served one year on the board of selectmen. An excellent man and a good citizen. He d. 28 September, 1840, aged 52. His widow, Mrs. Hannah Downe, d. 19 March, 1876, aged 89. Their adopted daughter—

*Mary Ann*, b. 31 December, 1815, m. Charles H. David 17 October, 1838; d. 27 December, 1872.

## DRUCKER.

MR. HENRY DRUCKER, a native of Bremen, Germany, and a soldier in the late civil war, settled on the Stewart place, west of the great meadow, about 1878, and d. there 6 March, 1882, aged 70 years.

## DUNCKLEE.

1. HEZEKIAH DUNCKLEE, was, probably, a son of Nathaniel and Mary Duncklee, of Watertown and Lexington, Mass.; baptized in Lexington 21 November, 1708; there m. Damaris Wilson 17 November, 1734; rem. to Billerica, Mass., in 1743, thence, a few years later, to Souhegan West, where he d., probably in 1772, as his will was presented for probate 30 July, that year. In it he gave his negro servant her liberty at his death. Their children were—

2. *Hezekiah*, b. 17 September, 1735.
3. *Nathaniel*, b. 23 February, 1737; m. Ruth Johnson, of Woburn, Mass., 3 November, 1758; d. prior to 1772.
4. *Damaris*, b. 16 March, 1739; d. unm. in Amherst 29 July, 1762.
5. †*John*, b. 4 March, 1740.
6. *Mary*, b. 26 November, 1742; m. John Ross.
7. *Hannah*, b. 1 October, 1744; d. young.
8. †*David*, b. 16 August, 1746; m. Phebe Odall.
9. *Sarah*, b. 11 October, 1748.
10. †*Joseph*, b. 21 October, 1750.

11. †*Thaddeus*, b. 5 January, 1753; m. Sarah Prince.

12. *Hannah*, b. 28 May, 1755.

8. DAVID DUNCKLEE, b. 16 August, 1746; d. 13 August, 1826; m. Phebe Odall. She d. 6 January, 1839, aged 89. They settled, prior to 1772, on the farm near Hollis line, lately occupied by William Hayden. Their children were—

13. *David*, b. 7 June, 1767; m. Sarah Hood 25 May, 1790; settled in Milford.

14. †*Jacob*, b. 26 March, 1769.

15. *Hezekiah*, b. 2 May, 1771; m. (1) ——— Farley; m. (2) in New York, and d. in the vicinity of Ticonderoga.

16. *Daniel*, b. 3 April, 1773; d. in infancy.

17. *Daniel*, b. 25 January, 1776; m. Ruth Boutell 14 April, 1803; settled in Milford.

18. *Phebe*, b. 20 December, 1778; m. Aaron Whitney; d. 31 January, 1800.

19. *Hannah*, b. 21 April, 1781; m. ——— Ring.

20. *John*, b. 5 September, 1784; m. Lucretia Buell, of Newport, where they resided and died.

21. *Jesse*, b. 19 December, 1786; d. 25 April, 1790.

22. *Elizabeth*, } b. 10 May, 1789; m. ——— Pierce.

23. †*Ebenezer*, } m. Salome Wright.

24. *James*, b. 6 May, 1791; m. ——— Wright, of Milford; resided in Merrimack, and d. there.

25. *Silas*, b. 8 January, 1794; res. in Plainfield, Vt.

14. JACOB DUNCKLEE, b. 26 March, 1769, d. 28 August, 1842; m. (1) Abigail Hill 1 March, 1792. She d. 12 July, 1814, aged 41; m. (2) Rachel Lund. Near the close of his life he rem. to the farm now occupied by Thomas B. and Charles H. Parker, where he d. His children were—

26. *Jacob*, b. 30 January, 1793.

27. *Jesse*, b. 8 November, 1794.

28. *Abigail*, b. 1 February, 1796.

29. *Sophia*, b. 23 January, 1798; d. 23 June, 1822.

30. *Simeon*, b. 11 April, 1800.

31. †*Levi*, b. 12 May, 1802.

32. *Harriett*, b. 20 June, 1804.

33. *Martha Usher*, b. 20 November, 1808.

34. *Susan*, b. 3 September, 1810.

35. *Charles Henry*, b. 22 December, 1813.

31. LEVI DUNCKLEE, b. 12 May, 1802; d. 21 January, 1872; m. Mary Coggin, daughter of Joseph Coggin, of Mont Vernon. She was b. 23 May, 1805; d. 4 December, 1871. The last twenty years of their lives were spent in Milford, where they d. Their children were—

36. *Luther C.*

37. *Eliza A.*, m. James G. Wright 27 November, 1856.

23. EBENEZER DUNCKLEE, b. 10 May, 1789; d. in Hollis 3 September, 1867; m. Salome Wright, of Hollis, 22 April, 1813. Shortly after their marriage they rem. to Ludlow, Vt., where their children were b. After residing in Ludlow about fifteen years, they returned to Amherst; later, they rem. to Hollis. Their children were—

38. *Ebenezer Taylor*, b. 6 May, 1815; m. Abby Wright, of Milford 26 May, 1842; res. in Hollis.

39. *Phebe S.*, b. 15 March, 1817; m. Willard Hayden, of Amherst, 24 April, 1845; d. 10 May, 1851.

40. *Sylvester J.*, b. 10 May, 1819; m. Mary Ann Stratton, of Nashua, 1 May, 1842; res. in Michigan.

#### Children of (10) JOSEPH and HANNAH DUNCKLEE—

41. *Martha*, b. 31 May, 1770.

42. *Samuel*, b. 4 August, 1772; d. 23 March, 1859.

#### Child of (5) JOHN and ELIZABETH DUNCKLEE—

43. *Chapman*, b. 13 September, 1774; d. 14 January, 1776.

11. THADDEUS DUNCKLEE, b. 5 June, 1753; m. Sarah, daughter of Lt. Joseph Prince, settled on the farm now occupied by James W. Haseltine; thence rem. to Rutland, Vt., where they d. Their children were—

44. *Abel*, m; d. in Rutland, Vt., in December, 1867, aged 91 years and 8 months.

45. *Sarah*, m. ——— Wright, of Nelson; d. in Chuttendon, Vt.

46. *Susan*, m. ——— Trescott; d. in Hartford, Conn.

47. *Abraham*, b. 3 June, 1780; d. 14 November, 1853; m. Susan Carter 27 June, 1803. She was b. in Concord 21 May, 1780; d. 23

**January, 1861.** They resided some years in Hanover, but rem. to Concord where they d. Among their children were Benjamin F. and Jacob C. Duncklee, of Concord.

48. *Damaris*, m. ——— Capron; settled in Rutland, Vt.; d. there.
49. *Thaddeus*, d. 5 November, 1792, aged 7 years.
50. *Esther*, m. ——— Wheeler; resided in Rutland, Vt.; d. there.
51. *Thaddeus*, m.; d. in Rutland, Vt.
52. *James*, d. in Rutland, Vt.; unmarried.
53. *Joseph*, d. in Rutland, Vt.; unmarried.
54. *Betsey*, m. ——— Manley; is now (1881) residing in New York.

#### Children of DAVID DUNCKLEE—

55. *Phebe*, b. 3 June, 1781.
56. *Anne*, b. 8 December, 1783.
57. *Hannah*, b. 3 March, 1787.

*John Duncklee* d. in the north-west parish 19 August, 1801, aged 40.

*Elizabeth*, his widow, d. in Charlestown, Mass., in December, 1803.

*Jesse Duncklee* d. of yellow fever at Natchez, Miss., in September, 1819. He was there employed by Capt. Nathaniel Morrison, of Peterborough, who d. in the same month of the fever.

*Betsey*, wife of Samuel Duncklee, d. 28 September, 1798, aged 21.

*Jesse*, their son d. 28 August, 1798, in his second year.

#### DURANT.

1. **NATHAN J. DURANT**, b. in Nottingham West 2 July, 1774; d. in Amherst 16 March, 1826; m. Sarah Haseltine, of Franeestown. She d. 29 August, 1853, aged 73. He was a blacksmith and carried on his business in a shop near the Chickering bridge. Their children were—

2. *Nathan*, m. Ann Wheeler, of Dracut, Mass., in December, 1830.
3. *Sarah*.
4. *Caroline*, m. Franklin Wright; d. in Bedford 15 May, 1862, aged 42.
5. *Sabrina*.
6. *Mary*, d. in 1829, aged 10 years.

**JACOB DURANT** m. (2) Nancy Stone, of Tyngsborough, Mass.; resided many years on the place recently owned by Saul Austin, and d. there 30 March, 1821, aged 73 years.



After his decease his widow m. (2) John Hartshorn, and (3) Joseph Putnam. She d. 28 July, 1850, aged 92.

#### DUTTON.

1. JOHN DUTTON, m. Rachel Stearns 1 May, 1781. He and his sons, Samuel and Timothy, served in the army in the last war with England. Timothy d. in the service at French Mills, in 1813. Rachel (Stearns) Dutton d. 17 January, 1829, aged 74. Their children were—

2. *Rachel*, b. 27 August, 1781.
3. *Abigail*, b. 2 January, 1783; m. Jacob Abbot 17 November, 1803.
4. *John*, b. 16 October, 1785.
5. *Frances*, b. 18 March, 1788.
6. *Timothy*, d. in the service of the United States.
7. *Samuel*, m. Mercy Gilmore in November, 1824.

#### EASTMAN.

1. CYRUS EASTMAN, a great-grandson of Capt. Ebenezer Eastman, one of the first settlers in Penacook, now Concord, was a son of Capt. John and Sybil C. Eastman, of Concord, where he was b. 7 May, 1787. He d. in Amherst 17 December, 1862; m. (1) Elizabeth Cushing. She was b. at Shrewsbury, Mass., 18 May, 1794; d. in Amherst 6 October, 1844; m. (2) Mrs. Relief S. Parker, of Concord, 29 October, 1850. Their children were—

2. *Louisa Cushing*, b. in Concord 16 April, 1813; m. Dr. Hezekiah Eldredge, of Amesbury, Mass., 1 November, 1846. He d. 25 January, 1870; one child, d. infancy.

3. *Cyrus Chamberlain*, b. in Salisbury 20 September, 1815; d. 19 September, 1826.

4. *Harriet Rice*, b. in Amherst, 28 January, 1818; m. Wyatt B. Woodman, of Danvers, Mass., 11 April, 1850; res. in Danvers; four children—

1. Edward Eastman.
2. Elizabeth Cushing.
3. Charles Wallace.
4. Mary, d. in infancy.

5. *Elizabeth*, b. 9 September, 1821; m. Ervin B. Tripp 4 September, 1845; res. in Brooklyn, N. Y.; three children—

1. Elizabeth.
2. Katie, d. at the age of 16 years.
3. An infant, died.

6. *Abby*, b. 18 March, 1824; m. George B. Melendy 30 January, 1849; res. in New York city; four children—

1. Helen Eastman, b. 26 January, 1852.
2. Louisa, d. at the age of 5 years.
3. George Eldredge, now a student in Dartmouth College.
4. Ann Eliza, d. in infancy.

7. *Mary Wilson*, b. 27 November, 1826; m. Alfred Farley 19 October, 1865; res. in Hollis.

8. *William Chamberlain*, b. 15 August, 1829; d. 28 January, 1830.

9. *Sarah Frances*, b. 3 July, 1831; m. William P. Craig, jr., of New York, 21 March, 1872.

10. *Helen Gregory*, b. 29 September, 1833; d. 15 July, 1837.

CHARLES EASTMAN, formerly an inn-keeper at the place now owned by Mr. Bryant Melendy; d. in Lowell, Mass., in June, 1836, aged about 60 years. Two of his daughters were m. during his residence in Amherst.

*Lucretia P.*, m. Samuel R. Beckman, of Wrentham, Mass., in November, 1831.

*Hannah*, m. Amos Blodgett, of Bradford, Mass., in November, 1831.

#### EATON.

1. LT. JOHN EATON resided on the Hollis road south of Souhegan river, and carried on the blacksmithing business. He d. 18 February, 1827, aged 76. Sibyl, his wife, d. 8 May, 1818, aged 65. Their children were—

2. *Sibyl*, m. John Taylor, 30 August, 1795; d. at Nashua 29 July, 1832.

3. *David S.*, m. (1) Sarah F. Wilkins. She d. 1 November, 1801; m. (2) Mary Barnard 23 December, 1802. He was a merchant in Boston, Mass; d. in June, 1818.

4. *John*, m. Lucy Roby 5 May, 1808.

5. *Philip*, b. 25 July, 1781; m. Clarissa Blanchard in September, 1803.

6. *Jonas*, d. 27 May, 1848, aged 65.
7. *Rebecca*, m. Maj. Barzillai Hudson at Boston, Mass., 28 July, 1814; d. 6 February, 1836.
8. *Sarah A.*, d. 1 June, 1803, aged 14.
9. *Lucretia*, m. John Shepard; d. at North Brunswick, N. J., in 1838, aged 48.



RESIDENCE OF HARRISON EATON, ESQ.

Built by Hon. Samuel Bell, in 1808, and recently remodeled by the present owner. After Gov. Bell's removal to Chester, it was owned and occupied by Hon. Clifton Claggett, and afterward by Aaron Lawrence, Esq., and others.

10. HARRISON EATON, b. in Hillsborough 9 December 1817; m. (1) Lucy P. Hartshorn 4 August, 1840. She d. 26 November, 1843; m. (2) Laura Ann Wheeler 13 December, 1846. She was b. in Merrimack 4 March, 1822; d. 26 February, 1878. Their children were—

11. *Mary A.*, d. 7 March, 1844, aged 13 years and 5 months.
12. *Henry H.*, d. 17 February, 1844, aged 15 weeks.
13. *Harrie G.*, b. 26 September, 1849; m. Susie A. Few 26 January 1871.
14. *Emma L.*, b. in Nashua 25 May, 1857; unmarried.

15. SAMUEL EATON, m. Eliza A. Kinson in 1846. Their children are—

- 16. *Ella Frances*, b. 12 January, 1847.
- 17. *George S.*, b. 19 November, 1848; m. Georgia A. Weston 23 September, 1869.
- 18. *Infant*, b. in July, 1850; died.
- 19. *Lizzie M.*, b. 14 November, 1852.
- 20. *Nellie M.*, b. 28 October, 1856.

#### ELLENWOOD.

Children of JOSEPH and (1) ABIGAIL (JAMSON) ELLENWOOD—

- Joseph*, b. 11 September, 1746; d. 30 August, 1750.
- Benjamin Tuck*, b. 20 November, 1748.

Children of JOSEPH and SARAH ELLENWOOD—

- Joseph*, b. 31 October, 1753.
- Sarah*, b. 15 July, 1755.
- Abigail*, b. 17 September, 1757; d. 5 October, 1760.
- James*, b. 10 October, 1759; d. 7 October, 1760.
- Martha*, b. 31 July, 1761.
- Abigail*, b. 21 August, 1763; d. 21 July, 1765.
- John*, b. 19 September, 1765.
- Return*, (daughter) b. 15 October, 1767.
- Jacob*, b. 14 November, 1769.
- Daniel*, b. 6 April, 1772.

Children of ROLANDSON and ABIGAIL (HILDRETH) ELLENWOOD. He was b. 13 April, 1742; they res. in Amherst some years; finally rem. to Antrim, where he d. in 1797.

- John*, b. 17 September, 1770; d. young.
- Lucy*, b. 14 April, 1773.
- David*, b. 3 May, 1775; d. in Antrim 22 September, 1846.
- John*, b. 30 March, 1779; d. in Antrim 9 September, 1860.
- Abigail*, b. in March, 1782.

ROLANDSON ELLENWOOD and EUNICE NICHOLS were m. 5 June, 1791. Their children were—

- Eunice*, b. 24 April, 1792.
- Joseph*, b. 24 March, 1795.

EBENEZER ELLENWOOD d. in December, 1828, aged 79; m. (1) Elizabeth ———; m. (2) ———; she d. in April, 1805; m. (3) Molly Pettengill 21 July, 1806. She d. in March, 1817, aged 62. Their children were—

*John*, b. 15 September, 1777; rem. to Michigan; d. there 9 May, 1856.  
*Phebe*, b. 3 June, 1784; m. Dimond Warren; d. 30 June, 1848.

JOHN ELLENWOOD, son of Ebenezer, b. 15 September, 1777; was town-clerk of Amherst some years; rem. to Michigan, where he d. 9 May, 1856; m. Jane Stanley 23 June, 1799. Their children were—

*Calvin*, b. 12 November, 1799.  
*Ebenezer*, b. 11 July, 1803.  
*Jane Seaton*, b. 19 October, 1805.  
*Ismenia Stanley*, b. 23 September, 1810.  
*John Morris*, b. 29 June, 1814.

#### Children of JEDIDIAH and ELIZABETH ELLENWOOD—

*Hannah*, b. 11 October, 1759.  
*Elizabeth*, b. 6 October, 1762; d. 1 February, 1837.  
*Rebecca*, b. 29 November, 1764.  
*Abigail*, b. 25 July, 1767.  
*Sarah*, b. 8 March, 1770.  
*Jedidiah*, b. 30 September, 1772; d. in December, 1832.

#### Children of RALPH and SUSANNAH ELLENWOOD—

*Joseph*, b. 24 January, 1785.  
*James*, b. 30 May, 1786.  
*Susannah*, b. 21 June, 1788.  
*Betsey*, b. 17 December, 1789.  
*Thomas*, b. 3 October, 1791.  
*Ralph*, b. 30 August, 1793.

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*Ephraim Ellenwood*, d. 17 July, 1876, aged 74.  
*Phebe*, wife of Ephraim, d. 26 December, 1866, aged 69 years and 10 months.  
*Samuel Ellenwood*, and Lucy Hildreth, of Litchfield, were m. 26 October, 1780.

## ELLIOTT.

1. FRANCIS ELLIOTT, from Middleton, Mass., was b. 15 March, 1726; d. 19 November, 1792. He m. Phebe Wilkins 14 August, 1753. She d. in December, 1822, aged 84. They were among the early settlers in Souhegan West. Their children were—

2. †Amos, b. 17 June, 1755.
3. Phebe, b. 5 May, 1757; m. ——— Curtis; d. 17 February, 1814.
4. Andrew, b. 25 January, 1759; m. Hannah Stevens 24 January, 1792; d. 20 September, 1838. She d. in December, 1849, aged 85.
5. Hannah, b. 11 April, 1761; d. 24 May, 1788; unmarried.
6. Roger, b. 15 May, 1764; m. Persis Sawyer 11 March, 1789; d. 14 March, 1851. She d. 23 May, 1843, aged 77; no children.
7. Susannah, b. 13 May, 1766; m. †Ezra Woolson.
8. Lucy, b. 3 March, 1769; m. †Edward Hartshorn.
9. Sarah, b. 7 April, 1772; m. †Didymus Pearsons.

2. AMOS ELLIOTT, b. 17 June, 1755; d. 7 April, 1807; m. Martha (Stewart), widow of James Hartshorn, jr., 16 May, 1781. He was for some years a deacon in the Congregational church. Their children were—

10. †Amos, jr., b. in 1782.
11. Betsey, b. in 1783; m. John Wiley 12 November, 1807; d. in Lancaster, Mass., 22 October, 1861.
12. Hannah, b. in 1788; m. Rev. Levi Hartshorn; d. in Berlin, Mass., 18 October, 1867.
13. †Luther, b. in February, 1794.

10. AMOS ELLIOTT, JR., b. in 1782; d. 27 April, 1826; m. Margaret Wiley 4 August, 1803. She d. in Great Falls 26 June, 1869, aged 85. Like his father, he was for some years a deacon in the Congregational church. Their children were—

14. Charles Franklin, b. 3 December, 1803; graduated at Dartmouth College in 1829; m. Harriett Towne, of Derry; settled as a physician in Great Falls where he d. 23 June, 1876.
15. Catherine, b. 30 May, 1806; d. 15 April, 1810.
16. Amos C., b. 30 September, 1807; d. 8 April, 1810.
17. Amos, b. 30 January, 1811; d. 27 September, 1834.

18. *Catherine*, b. 6 April, 1813; m. William Crosby in February, 1843; res. in Lowell, Mass.

19. *Nancy*, b. 18 May, 1815; m. Capt. Alexander H. Converse 20 January, 1835; res. in Hooksett.

20. *Martha*, m. Moses C. Bates in March, 1845; res. in Bradford.

21. *Abby*, m. David Colby; d. in Lowell, Mass., 4 November, 1853.

13. LUTHER ELLIOTT, b. in February, 1794. While in the employment of Thomas Woolson, jr., he assisted in building the town clock. He settled in Reading, Mass., but returned to Amherst in 1846 and d. 1 April, 1876. He m. Esther Damon, of Reading, 22 September, 1818. She was b. 30 June, 1793, and res. on the place bought by her husband on his return to Amherst. Their children were—

22. *Luther, jr.*, b. in November, 1819; m. Abby Ann Eaton; res. in Reading, Mass.

23. *Augustus*, b. in April, 1822; m. Ann ———; res. in Bridgeport, Conn.

24. *Sylvanus*, b. in September, 1824; m. Lavina Rogers; res. in Winchester, Mass.

25. *Lucy*, b. in July, 1829; m. William Pratt 3 March, 1864; res. in Amherst.

26. *Sarah R.*, b. in June, 1832; res. in Amherst; unmarried.

27. ANDREW ELLIOTT, JR., son of (4) Andrew, was b. 20 September, 1795; d. 20 September, 1833; m. Sarah Crosby 11 June, 1822. She was b. in Belgrade, Me., 2 March, 1802. Their children were—

28. *Mary E.*, b. 20 June, 1830; d. 7 September, 1831.

29. *Sarah*, b. 20 September, 1832; m. Noah P. Batchelder 30 January, 1862; d. 24 March, 1871.

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*Sophia Elliott* d. in January, 1842, aged 46.

*Charles Carroll*, son of David Elliott, d. 19 October, 1830, aged 21 months.

## ELLSWORTH.

THOMAS ELLSWORTH, b. in Rowley, Mass., 23 February, 1750; d. in Deering 6 March, 1814; m. Mary Lowell. She

was b. in Rowley, Mass., 14 September, 1752; d. in Bradford 24 June, 1841. They rem. to Amherst from Rowley and res. here some years, but prior to 1791 rem. to Deering. Their children were—

*Thomas*, b. 7 January, 1773.

*Hannah L.*, b. 26 September, 1774.

*Nathaniel*, b. 18 August, 1776.

*Paul*, b. 23 January, 1779.

*Lucy*, b. 6 January, 1781. ---

*Betsy*, b. 15 May, 1783.

*Sally*, b. 17 February, 1785.

*Susan*, b. 22 August, 1787.

*Jonathan*, b. 23 July, 1789.

*Mary*, b. in Deering 3 November, 1791; m. †Joseph Hartshorn.

*Nancy*, b. 5 April, 1793.

*Charlotte*, b. in March, 1797.

JONATHAN ELLSWORTH, a brother of Thomas, settled on the place on the road to Thornton's Ferry, now occupied by Mrs. Lowe. He d. 16 May, 1814, aged 56. His widow, Mrs. Anna Ellsworth, d. in August, 1848, aged 90; no children. After the death of Mr. Ellsworth, she m. (2) Henry Kimball 1 November, 1814; but the marriage not proving to be a congenial one, the parties separated by mutual consent and the bride resumed the name of Ellsworth.

## EMERSON.

CAPT. NATHANIEL EMERSON, for some years a resident in Amherst, d. in Waltham, Mass., 23 November, 1829, aged 74 years.

*Samuel*, his second son, d. in China 18 August, 1805, aged 21.

*James*, formerly of Amherst, d. in Saco, Me., in April, 1833, aged 45.

*Jarvis*, son of Capt. Nathaniel, d. 27 May, 1808, aged 19.

*Miss Elizabeth Emerson*, a native of Amherst, d. in Boston 30 November, 1874, aged 81.

*Hannah*, wife of Nathaniel Emerson, jr., d. in Amherst 10 January, 1803.

*Hannah*, wife of Samuel, d. in December, 1802.



*Sally*, daughter of Samuel, d. in December, 1802.

*Moses Emerson* resided a short time on the farm recently owned by Mr. Saul Austin; rem. thence to Deering, and afterward to Canada. He m. Rebecca Hartshorn 24 January, 1793.

### EMERY.

AMBROSE EMERY d. 2 April, 1840, aged 38.

### EVERDEN.

*Phebe*, daughter of John and Phebe Everden, was b. 13 October, 1770.

### FARMER.

1. DEA. JOHN FARMER, b. 1 December, 1762; m. Lydia Richardson, of Chelmsford, Mass., 24 January, 1788. She was b. 7 December, 1763. They res. in Chelmsford until September, 1803, when they rem. to Lyndeborough. They rem. thence to Merrimack where he d. 17 November, 1814. Their children were—

2. *John*, b. 12 June, 1789; came to Amherst in 1805, and remained there until 1821, when he rem. to Concord, where the remainder of his life was spent. He d. 13 August, 1838, unmarried.

3. *Miles*, b. 18 January, 1791; m. Sophia H., daughter of Maj. Turner Crooker, of Amherst, 4 July, 1816; res. in Amherst some years, but rem. to Salem, Mass., about 1819, and d. there.

4. *Charlotte*, b. 20 July, 1792; m. Capt. James Riddle, in Amherst, 3 August, 1815; d. in Quincy, Mass., 6 August, 1825.

5. *Mary*, b. 31 August, 1794.

6. *Jedidiah*, b. 5 April, 1802; learned the printer's trade in the Cabinet office; settled in Hingham, Mass., where he published a newspaper several years.

ZADOC FARMER and Mary O. Barnes were m. 26 November, 1874. He d. in Amherst 18 July, 1877, aged 80 years and 9 months.

### FARNUM.

1. JOSEPH FARNUM settled in the north-west part of Amherst, now Mont Vernon, shortly after the incorporation of

the town. He was lieutenant in Capt. Bradford's company at Bennington, and d. in Mont Vernon 10 May, 1824, aged 78; m. (1) Mary Lyon; m. (2) Tabitha Baldwin, grandmother of Gen John A. Dix, of New York, in 1794. She d. in January, 1820, aged 72; m. (3) Edith Smith. She d. 12 November, 1862, aged 88. His children (the two last by second marriage) were—

2. *Sarah*, b. 22 June, 1766.
3. *Abigail*, b. 22 December, 1767; m. Peter Abbot 23 October, 1788.
4. *Mary*, b. 19 January, 1770.
5. *Phebe*, b. 12 May, 1772.
6. *Joseph*, b. 4 March, 1774.
7. *Susannah*, b. 27 March, 1776; m. Zachariah Bemis, of Westminster, Mass., 10 January, 1797.
8. *Thomas*, b. 26 January, 1778.
9. *Asa*, b. 1 February, 1780; m. Arethusa Lovejoy 14 April, 1803.
10. *Betty*, b. 24 March, 1784.
11. *Lucy*, b. 3 May, 1786.
12. *Gera*, b. 26 February, 1795; m. Sophronia Bills 17 October, 1817; d. at Roxbury, Mass., 14 April, 1864.
13. *John*, b. 15 August, 1796; married; d. at Brighton, Mass., 30 September, 1845.

#### FELTON.

1. ELISHA FELTON, d. in September, 1805, aged 71; m. Rachel ———. She d. in October, 1807, aged 67. Their children were—

2. *John*, b. 29 May, 1769; d. young.
3. *Samuel*, b. 14 September, 1771.
4. *Mary*, b. 10 July, 1774; d. 17 November, 1774.
5. *John*, b. 15 December, 1777; m. Lydia Mussey; d. in Landgrove, Vt., 20 November, 1865.
6. *Rachel*, b. 10 October, 1779; m. Thomas Goodhue 1 December, 1814.
7. †*Elisha*, b. 8 October, 1781.

7. ELISHA FELTON, JR., b. 8 October, 1781; m. Lydia Wilkins of Amherst, 30 December, 1806; d. 29 May, 1822. She d. 30 July, 1839, aged 54. Their children were—

*Harriett*, b. 5 July, 1808; m. *Ezra D. Clark*, of Amherst, in April, 1831.

*Hiram Granville*, b. 4 February, 1814; m. *Jane Austin*, of Hollis, 13 December, 1855.

### FERRILL.

**DANIEL FERRILL**, a wheelwright, long a resident in Amherst, d. in Bedford, Mass., 25 July, 1868, aged 68.

**ABIGAIL G. FERRILL**, his wife, d. 2 December, 1845, aged 39 years.

*Hendrick Ferrill*, their son, d. 15 July, 1832, aged 3 years.

### FEW.

**WILLIAM FEW**, a native of England, b. 7 May, 1825; d. 29 July, 1863. He was a soldier in the civil war.

### FIELDS.

**SAMUEL FIELDS** d. 23 December, 1824, aged 73. *Zerviah*, his wife, d. 24 December, 1824, aged 66. Their children were—

*Zerviah*, b. 1 November, 1780; m. *John Houston*, of Lyndeborough, 27 March, 1811; d. at Denmark, Iowa, 6 November, 1860.

*Abigail*, b. 30 June, 1787; m. ——— Porter; d. at Denmark, Iowa, 19 July, 1878.

*Joseph*, settled in Temple. *Hannah*, his wife, d. in Temple 3 April, 1849.

### FISK.

I. **WILLIAM FISK**, a native of Suffolk county, England, and his wife, *Bridget (Musket)*, came to America in 1637, and settled in Wenham, Mass. He was made a freeman in 1648; elected town-clerk in 1644, and representative in the General Court from 1647 to 1652. His son—

II. **WILLIAM FISK**, m. *Sarah Kilham* 15 January, 1662; settled in Wenham, Mass.; was admitted freeman in 1670,

and chosen a deacon of the church in 1679. He d. 5 February, 1727, aged 84. His widow d. 26 January, 1737, aged 97. Their son—

III. WILLIAM FISK, b. 30 January, 1663, m. Mary ———; settled in Wenham, Mass. Their son—

IV. EBENEZER FISK, b. in 1703, was elected deacon in 1751. He had several children, among whom was—

V. 1. WILLIAM FISK, who m. Susannah Batchelder, of Wenham, Mass., in November, 1749. In 1774 they and their children rem. to Amherst, where they settled on a tract of land on the south side of Walnut Hill. He d. in 1779. After his decease his widow m. Benjamin Davis. She d. at the residence of her son, William Fisk, Esq., in 1810, aged 79 years. Their children, all b. in Wenham, were—

2. *Jonathan*, b. 1 May, 1751; m. Mary Bragg.

3. *Elizabeth*, b. 27 June, 1753.

4. † *William*, b. 20 April, 1755.

5. † *David*, b. 25 June, 1757.

6. *Mary*, b. 21 October, 1759; m. Dr. Samuel Polly 10 November, 1785.

7. *Ebenezer*, b. 11 February, 1762; m. and settled in Wilmot. His daughter, *Mehitable*, was the mother of ex-Gov. E. A. Straw, of Manchester.

8. *John*, b. 11 April, 1764.

9. *Susannah*, b. 2 October, 1766.

10. *Anne*, b. 22 August, 1771.

VI. 4. WILLIAM FISK, b. at Wenham, Mass., 20 April, 1755; d. in Amherst, 4 June, 1831; m. (1) Eunice Nourse, of Danvers, Mass., 28 October, 1774. She d. 13 March, 1819; m. (2) Hannah Walker, of Concord, 28 November, 1819. She d. in Concord 10 December, 1841. Their children were—

11. *Eunice*, b. 7 January, 1774; d. 3 August, 1861; m. † *Levi Dodge*.

12. *Ezra*, b. 2 April, 1776; m. *Melinda Blake* in 1801; d. in *Fayette, Me.*, 4 October, 1870, aged 94.

13. *William*, b. 11 July, 1778; m. *Margaret Cleaves Dodge* 4 September, 1802; d. at Concord 9 October, 1854.

14. *Francis Nourse*, b. 12 June, 1780; m. *Mary (Walker) Emery* 1 March, 1813; d. at Concord 7 October, 1870, aged 90.

15. *Abigail*, b. 8 October, 1782; d. 24 July, 1852; unmarried.

16. *Mary*, b. 1 April, 1785; d. 15 October, 1857; m. †*Bartholomew Dodge, jr.*

17. *Fanny*, b. 6 June, 1787; d. 17 June, 1817; unmarried.

18. *Allen*, b. 10 April, 1789; d. 18 September, 1875; m. (1) *Eliza Chapman* 5 July, 1819; m. (2) *Mrs. Maria Stokes* 30 December, 1835. He graduated at Dartmouth College in 1814, and was a teacher in New York many years.

19. *David*, b. 4 May, 1791; d. 29 January, 1882, aged 90; m. *Mrs. Lydia M. Holbrook* in March, 1859. She d. 28 February, 1870, aged 70 years.

20. *Nancy*, b. 17 June, 1794; d. 7 December, 1854; m. †*Stephen Damon*.

5. *DAVID FISK*, b. in Wenham, Mass., 25 January, 1757; rem. to Amherst with his parents in 1774; resided for some years in Merrimack; was a soldier in the war for independence, and d. in Amherst 23 July, 1843. He m. *Edith Tay*, of Charlestown, Mass., in 1786. She d. 13 January, 1815, aged 52. Their children were—

21. *Betsy*, b. 12 September, 1788; d. 25 August, 1876; unmarried.

22. *Edith*, b. 1 March, 1790; m. *John Sprague*, of Bedford, 18 October, 1820. They rem. to Ohio and d. there.

23. †*David*, b. 20 September, 1792; d. 22 June, 1873.

24. *George*, b. 22 August, 1794; m. *Arinda Lowe*, of Bedford, Mass., 6 May, 1824; settled in Bradford, Mass., but rem. to Lowell, where he d. 20 February, 1869.

25. *Ardelia*, b. 18 December, 1803; d. 20 September, 1826; unmar.

23. *DAVID FISK, 3D*, was b. in Merrimack 20 September, 1792; d. at Nashua 22 June, 1873. He spent most of his life in Amherst, where he was a prominent and respected citizen, and an officer in the church many years. In his old age he rem. to Nashua. He m. (1) *Abigail Nourse* 19 January, 1823. She d. in June, 1825, aged 25; m. (2) *Harriet Nourse* 17 January, 1828. She d. at Nashua 22 August, 1872, aged 73. Their children were—

26. *Thomas Scott*, b. 22 November, 1823; m. *Clara J. Pillman*, of New York.

27. *James Porter*, b. 5 June, 1825; m. *Sarah C. Hill*, of Groton, Mass., 4 January, 1866; d. at St. Louis, Mo., 10 May, 1873.

28. *George*, b. 22 October, 1835; m. *Myra Morrill*, of San Jose, Cal.

29. *Abbie Arinda*, b. 24 November, 1838; m. *George W. Ordway*, of Bradford, Mass., 26 July, 1860.

30. *Mary Porter*, b. 9 December, 1841; m. *George A. Marden*, of Lowell, Mass., 10 December, 1867.

### FLETCHER.

I. **ROBERT FLETCHER**, the first of the name in this country, settled in Concord, Mass., in 1630, where he d. 3 April, 1677, aged 85 years.

II. **WILLIAM FLETCHER**, his son, b. in England in 1622, m. *Lydia Bates* in 1645; settled in Chelmsford, Mass., in 1656, and d. there 6 November, 1677, leaving several sons. Of these—

III. **WILLIAM**, b. 21 February, 1657, settled in Chelmsford, Mass., on the homestead where he was succeeded by his son—

IV. **JOSIAH**, who was in his turn succeeded by his son—

V. **JOSIAH**, who spent his life in Chelmsford, and d. there, leaving a large family of children. His son—

VI. 1. **JOSEPH FLETCHER**, b. 22 March, 1765, settled in the easterly part of Chelmsford, Mass., now in the city of Lowell, and remained there until 1825, when he rem. to Amherst where he d. 30 August, 1843. He m. *Lucy Proctor* 17 November, 1791. She was b. in Chelmsford 22 February, 1773; d. in Amherst 8 August, 1845. Their children were—

2. *Joseph*, b. 9 May, 1793; m. *Shuah Hall Fletcher* 31 January, 1826; resided in Amherst and Frankestown; d. in Frankestown 26 November, 1866; no children.

3. *Hannah*, b. 17 September, 1794; m. *Capt. Josiah Fletcher*, 13 October, 1818; d. in Chelmsford, 9 June, 1836.

4. † *Daniel*, b. 28 August, 1796.
5. *Merrill*, b. 1 April, 1799; resided in Amherst: d. 3 July, 1877; unmarried.
6. † *Sewall*, b. 2 March, 1801.
7. *Charles*, b. 30 January, 1803; d. in Chelsea, Mass., 20 May, 1872; unmarried.
8. *Alpheus*, b. 6 February, 1805; d. in Amherst 25 December, 1833; unmarried.
9. *George Washington*, } b. 12 September, 1806; d. 4 March, 1882.
10. *John Adams*, } d. 14 Feb., 1807.
11. *Lucy*, b. 17 August, 1808; m. Jonas Kendall 1 September, 1857; d. at South Framingham, Mass., 2 August, 1875.
12. *Mary Robbins*, b. 3 August, 1810; res. in Amherst; unmarried.
13. *Susan Proctor*, b. 28 May, 1813; d. in Amherst 2 September, 1855; unmarried.
14. *Benjamin Chamberlin*, b. 18 September, 1815; d. 23 November, 1815.

VII. 4. DANIEL FLETCHER, b. 28 August, 1796, settled in Amherst where he was an inn-keeper some years, and was selectman, town-clerk, and representative; d. 15 October. 1873; m. Charlotte Roby 30 December, 1824. She was b. at Dunstable, now Nashua, 18 December. 1804; d. 31 January, 1882. Their children were—

15. *Daniel Adams*, b. 6 November, 1825; res. in Nashua; unmarried.
16. *John*, b. 9 October, 1830; res. in Amherst; unmarried.
17. *Charlotte*, b. 15 September, 1845; d. 18 September, 1848.
18. *Lucy Rebecca*, b. 6 December, 1847.

VII. 5. SEWALL FLETCHER, b. in Chelmsford, Mass., 2 March, 1801; settled in Amherst; m. (1) Sarah Walton, of South Reading, Mass., 24 May, 1824. She d. 29 September, 1825, aged 25; m. (2) Rheny Mace, of Amherst, 6 November, 1826. She d. 1 January, 1845, aged 41; m. (3) Nancy Peacock, of Amherst, 4 June, 1846, who d. at Augusta, Wisconsin, 11 July, 1880. He d. in Amherst 12 September, 1855. Their children were—

19. *Sarah Lucy*, b. in Watertown, Mass., 19 June, 1825; m. Joseph W. Eaton 13 October, 1847; d. 28 January, 1849.

20. *Sewall Walton*, b. 11 November, 1827; d. 8 September, 1865; unmarried.

21. *Eliza Ann*, b. 18 May, 1829; m. Franklin Harriman 2 April, 1850.

22. *Rheny Mariah*, b. 23 July, 1830; m. Franklin W. Briggs 2 April, 1857; res. in Freeman, Me.

23. *James Henry*, b. 4 September, 1832.

24. *Merry Jane*, b. 29 September, 1833; m. Henry Merrill 30 October, 1855; res. in Pepperell, Mass.

25. *Lyman Packard*, b. 17 July, 1835; died.

26. *Lois Averill*, b. 31 July, 1836; unmarried.

27. *Hannah*, b. 9 February, 1839; m. Oliver Walton 10 October, 1860.

28. *Albert*, b. 7 January, 1840; m. Julia Chapel 20 March, 1864; res. in Alabama.

29. *Gustavus Gilman*, b. 24 November, 1847; m. Mary F. Storrs 7 March, 1878.

30. *Arthur Franklin*, b. 18 July, 1849; m. S. Helen Danforth 3 July, 1877; res. in Lowell, Mass.

31. *Emeline Collins*, b. 18 June, 1853; m. Clinton Bradford 26 November, 1874.

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Among the sons of (III) William Fletcher, of Chelmsford, was—

IV. ROBERT, b. in 1691, who was one of the first settlers in Tyngsborough, Mass. His son—

V. ROBERT, b. in 1727, m. Sarah Blanchard, daughter of Col. Joseph Blanchard, 17 September, 1761. He was a man of some note in Dunstable, and was for some time clerk of the courts in Hillsborough county. He d. 9 September, 1793. She d. in Amherst 29 March, 1798, aged 57. Their son—

VI. 32. ROBERT, b. 1 August, 1762; m. Temperance Gordon, of Tyngsborough, Mass., 2 December, 1784. He was an active business man in Amherst, Dunstable, and other places, and is said, at one time, to have been the owner of the principal part of the territory now occupied by Nashua



Village. In his business enterprises he seems to have been particularly unfortunate. However successful they were at first, they usually terminated in failure. At last he purchased a tract of timber land in Canada, and employed a large number of men in cutting and manufacturing the lumber. Like most of his undertakings, this enterprise was an unfortunate one, and he terminated his career by shooting himself at Montreal in November, 1809. Their children were—

33. *Temperance*, b. in 1785; d. in Lowell, Mass., 20 May, 1857.

34. *Mary*, b. 2 August, 1787; m. William Cochran, of Boston, Mass., in 1807.

35. *Robert*, b. 20 July, 1789; a soldier in the war of 1812.

36. *Rufus*, b. 29 July, 1789; was in the battle on lake Champlain; d. in Havanna 4 July, 1817.

37. *Christiana*, b. in 1791; d. in Amherst in November, 1792, aged 18 months.

38. *Aslam*, b. 17 August, 1794; lost at sea.

39. *Agnes P.*, b. 4 February, 1796; m. (1) ——— (Gray; m. (2) Josiah Spalding.

40. *Catherine*, d. in Amherst in September, 1801, aged 16 months.

41. *George*, b. 3 December, 1801; m. Mary E. Cornwall 26 January, 1831; res. in New York city; d. at Bay Ridge, N. Y., 15 December, 1878.

42. *Catherine*, b. 17 April, 1803; m. George N. Minot 11 March, 1824.

43. *Henry*, b. 19 November, 1804; d. in Brattleborough, Vt.

44. *Margaret*, b. in Boston, Mass., 17 August, 1806; m. Isaac Chamberlain; d. in Roxbury, Mass., 8 April, 1847.

45. SAMUEL FLETCHER, settled on Chestnut Hill on the place now occupied by his grandson, John Fletcher. Of his ancestors I am not informed. He m. Susannah G., daughter of Lieut. John Patterson, 9 June, 1795. She d. in October, 1822, aged 47. He d. while on a visit to his friends in Sharon, Vt., in February, 1825, aged 55. The first notice his family had of his death was the arrival of a messenger at the house bringing his corpse. Their children were—

46. *John Patterson*, d. 22 September, 1816, aged 20 years.

47. †*Otis*.

48. †*Robert*, b. in 1802.

49. *Mary*, m. F. A. Hodgman, of Littleton; d. there.

47. OTIS FLETCHER, son of Samuel, m. Abigail ———; res. some years in Amherst, but rem. to Nashville, Chautauqua county, New York; one child—

50. *Orilla*, d. in Amherst 25 November, 1830, aged 21 months.

48. ROBERT FLETCHER, brother of Otis, succeeded him on the homestead; was an active business man and farmer. He m. *Mary Cochran* 11 July, 1832, and d. 18 September, 1863, aged 61. She d. 22 February, 1879, aged 72 years and 11 months. Their children were—

51. *Harriet*, b. 26 September, 1833; m. Solomon Prince, of Amherst, 28 April, 1831.

52. *George*, b. 6 June, 1838; m. Ada Shedd, of Plymouth; res. in Manchester.

53. *Mary Elizabeth*, b. 5 December, 1840; m. George F. Stevens; res. in Ashburnham, Mass.

54. *John*, b. in 1849; res. on the homestead; unmarried.

55. SIMEON FLETCHER, b. in Chelmsford, Mass., 2 May, 1722; m. *Mary Davis*, of Souhegan West, and settled here. Here their three first children were b. They then rem. to Greenfield where they d. None of their children seem to have settled in Amherst.

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*Henry Fletcher*, d. 2 March, 1867, aged 70.

*Henry A. Fletcher*, d. 20 July, 1869, aged 39.

## FLINT.

1. AMOS FLINT<sup>(3)</sup>, m. widow Elizabeth Trevitt, of Danvers, 30 January, 1765; probably a second marriage. His will, dated 10 March, 1788, and presented for probate 4 November, 1797, names the following children—

2. †*Amos*.

3. *Elizabeth Proctor*.

4. *Cartrude*.

5. *Mary Bradford*.

6. *Desire Polly*.

7. *Jacob*.

2. AMOS FLINT, JR., m. Polly Barnard, sister of Rev. Jeremiah Barnard, 2 September, 1785. He d. prior to 10 March, 1793. After his decease his widow rem. to Rome, N. Y., and d. there. Their children were—

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| 8. <i>Polly</i> , b. 15 April, 1787. | 10. <i>Betsy</i> , b. 21 May, 1790.   |
| 9. <i>Amos</i> , b. 4 October, 1788. | 11. <i>Samuel</i> , b. 14 Sept. 1791. |

12. NATHAN FLINT, JR., son of Nathan and Susan Flint, of Reading, Mass., b. 11 May, 1748; m. Phebe Smith, of Reading. They were "published" 17 March, 1778; probably settled in Amherst soon after marriage. Their children were—

13. *Nathan*, b. 19 January, 1780; d. unmarried.
14. †*Simeon*, b. 16 May, 1782.
15. *Ebenezer*, b. 20 May, 1784; m. Charlotte Austin, of Sutton, 25 February, 1806.
16. *Isaac*, b. 28 May, 1785; m. Susan Russell; resided in Newport and Goshen; d. at Goshen.
17. *Calvin*, b. 20 April, 1787; m. Rachel Wilkins, of Mont Vernon, 5 April, 1812.
18. *Bathsheba*, b. 28 May, 1788; m. Daniel Richardson 27 October, 1811; d. at Wilton 18 July, 1878, aged 90.
19. *Susan*, m. †Saul Austin 16 February, 1813; d. in Amherst 21 August, 1851, aged 57.
20. *Phebe*, m. Jonathan Kendall, of Mont Vernon, 7 December, 1815; d. at Concord 11 May, 1881.
21. *Betsy*, b. 25 June, 1800; m. (1) Piam Herrick, of Wilton; m. (2) Saul Austin 30 May, 1852.
22. *Lucy*, m. Asa Jones, of Wilton.

14. SIMEON FLINT, b. 16 May, 1782; m. Sarah Kendall 20 August, 1804. She m. (2) Aaron Wilkins, jr., of Amherst, 16 September, 1824. They settled in the easterly part of Mont Vernon. Their children were—

23. *Simeon K.*, b. 5 February, 1805; d. 23 November, 1879.
24. *Nathan*, b. 8 October, 1806.
25. *Grisey*, b. 17 October, 1808; unmarried.
26. *Jacob*, b. 8 December, 1810.
27. *Eliza*, b. 18 February, 1813; d. in December, 1814.
28. *Daniel K.*, b. 15 May, 1815.

HUTCHINSON FLINT, b. at North Reading, Mass., 10 June, 1764; resided some time in Amherst; d. at Antrim in June, 1817; m. Lucy Cole, of Amherst, 25 November, 1787.

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*"Widow" Flint*, d. in October, 1803, aged 80.

*Lucinda*, daughter of John Flint, d. in December, 1835, aged 15.

### FOLLANSBEE.

JAMES C. FOLLANSBEE came to Amherst about 1837 and carried on the butchering business several years. He finally rem. to Francestown and d. there 17 December, 1879, aged 79. His wife, Mrs. Hannah Follansbee, d. 22 October, 1879, aged 73. Their children were—

1. *John Smith.*

3. *Sarah Ellen.*

2. *Emily.*

4. *Lucretia C.*

JOHN FOLLANSBEE, resided on the Plain, near the brick steam mill, where he carried on the butchering business several years. He d. 22 October, 1864, aged 70. Mary G., his wife, d. 20 September, 1857, aged 62. He m. (2) Mrs. Mary Ann Brown 24 August, 1858, who survived him and d. in Milford 29 September, 1874, aged 54; no children.

### FORD.

JOHN FORD, who resided some years on the "Stiles" farm, in the east part of the town, d. 21 September, 1848, aged 78 years.

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*Widow Mary G. Ford* d. 27 April, 1843, aged 63.

*Mrs. Lydia Ford* d. 27 April, 1876, aged 74 years and six months.

*Mrs. Prudence Ford* d. 5 April, 1881, aged 72.

*Charles H. Ford* d. 30 March, 1881, aged 46.

### FOSTER.

LT. JONATHAN FOSTER d. in October, 1849, aged 76.

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*Sarah*, wife of Lt. Jonathan Foster, d. in November, 1824, aged 49.

*Dolly*, wife of Samuel Foster, d. in November, 1825, aged 54.

*Lucy*, daughter of Samuel Foster, d. 19 July, 1805, aged 2 years.

MOSES FOSTER, of Amherst, and Polly Fuller, of Middleton, Mass., were "published" 27 February, 1789. Their children were—

*Moses*, b. 25 December, 1790.

*Isaac Plumer*, b. 5 March, 1792.

### FOWLE.

SAMUEL FOWLE, a Revolutionary soldier, rem. from New Bedford to Amherst prior to 1805. After years of suffering from a wound received while serving in the army, he d. 11 June, 1825, aged 72 years. He m. Lucy, daughter of Ebenezer Rea 22 August, 1805. Their child—

*John Rea*, was b. 21 October, 1806.

1. JOSEPH FOWLE, b. in New Bedford, Mass., 20 February, 1793; settled in Amherst in 1825; d. 27 May, 1874; m. Sarah J. Hale, of Merrimack, 20 June, 1843. She was b. 5 April, 1816. He was a soldier in the war of 1812. Their children were—

2. *Mary J.*, b. 14 June, 1844; m. Thomas S. Burns 14 February, 1867.

3. †*Joseph E.*, b. 27 May, 1846.

4. *Hattie L.*, b. 14 August, 1848; m. Alvin R. Corliss, 16 November, 1875.

5. *Samuel H.*, b. 14 April, 1850; d. 22 April, 1852.

3. DEA. JOSEPH E. FOWLE, b. 27 May, 1846; m. Emma J. Hodgman 16 May, 1878. She was b. in Bedford 1 May, 1851. They res. in the easterly part of the town, on the road to Merrimack; one child—

6. *Marion E.*, b. 16 July, 1880.

### FREEMAN.

NAOMI B. FREEMAN d. 25 August, 1877, aged 66 years and 6 months.

## FRENCH.

1. EPHRAIM FRENCH, b. in Billerica, Mass., in 1755; d. in Amherst in September, 1834; m. Hannah Melendy. She d. 28 March, 1793. Their children were—

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| 2. <i>Ephraim</i> , b. 26 August, 1778. | 5. <i>Leonard</i> , b. 15 March, 1784.  |
| 3. <i>Hannah</i> , b. 28 March, 1780.   | 6. <i>William</i> , b. 13 August, 1786. |
| 4. <i>Moses</i> , b. 28 May, 1782.      |   |

7. FREDERICK FRENCH, son of Benjamin and Mary French, of Dunstable; b. 26 September, 1766; a lawyer; clerk of the courts; resided in Amherst some years; d. 28 March, 1824; m. Grace, daughter of Gen. Jona. Blanchard 30 December, 1790. She d. in Lowell, Mass., 6 February, 1845, aged 77. Their children were—

8. *Benjamin Frederick*, b. 2 October, 1791; m. Mary Leland, of Saco, Me., 14 November, 1819; d. in Lowell, Mass., 16 May, 1853.
9. *Charles*, d. in Lexington, Mo., in October, 1859.
10. *Arthur*, d. in Boston, Mass., 13 December, 1842, aged 46.
11. *Rebecca*, m. Robert Read, of Amherst, 16 December, 1818; d. in Nashua 18 October, 1838, aged 38.
12. *Edward*, d. 25 August, 1831, aged 28.

AARON FRENCH and Susannah Clark were m. 27 January, 1801. He d. 26 April, 1817, aged 35.

## FRITZ.

GEORGE FRITZ, late of Amherst, d. at Philadelphia, Pa., 1 August, 1834, aged 24.

## FULLER.

THOMAS FULLER, who belonged to a family of high social standing in England, came over to Massachusetts in November, 1638, on a tour of observation, not intending to take up his residence permanently in the country. While visiting Cambridge, he became a convert to Puritanism, and resolved to cast in his lot with the brethren of like faith in this country.

He purchased a large tract of land in that part of Salem which was afterward incorporated as Middleton, where he built a house by the side of a small stream, about half a mile below Middleton pond, south of Wills' Hill. He m. Elizabeth Todd, of Woburn, Mass., 3 June, 1643, and d. in 1698, in the 80th year of his age.

His descendants have been numerous, and many of them were men and women of note in the times in which they lived. From him the Fullers who have resided in Amherst were descended.

1. NATHAN FULLER, and his wife Martha, were among the early settlers of the town. He d. 8 December, 1808, aged 84. She d. 30 December, 1817, aged 83. Their children were—

2. *Sarah*, b. 4 June, 1758.

3. †*Nathan*, b. 18 July, 1763.

4. *Ruth*, b. 16 March, 1765.

5. *Elizabeth*, b. 2 July, 1767.

6. *Susannah*, b. 4 April, 1770; m. Parker Richardson 12 May, 1789.

7. *John*, b. 2 October, 1772; d. in October, 1820.

3. NATHAN FULLER, JR., b. 18 July, 1763; d. 31 August, 1840; m. (1) Tamson Brown. She was b. 4 September, 1763; d. 18 September, 1814; m. (2) Betsey Jones 28 February, 1815. She was b. 25 April, 1777; d. 8 February, 1829. Their children were—

8. *William B.*, b. 15 May, 1786; d. 2 September, 1799.

9. *Tamson*, d. in November, 1803, aged 8 years.

10. *Tamson H.*, b. 27 August, 1804; m. †Matthew G. Rotch.

11. *Betsey*, b. 9 February, 1816; m. Rufus Lounsbury; d. at R Grove, Iowa, 26 January, 1871.

12. ISRAEL FULLER, b. in Middleton, Mass., 23 January, 1778; rem. to Merrimack in 1805, thence to Amherst in 1811 where he served on the board of selectmen many years. He d. 23 February, 1864; m. (1) Betsey Wilkins 20 September, 1804. She was b. in Middleton 18 July, 1780; d. 25 December, 1824; m. (2) Betsey Putnam 28 December,

1826. She was b. 24 August, 1784; d. 18 October, 1855.  
Their children were—

13. † *Israel, jr.*, b. in Merrimack 28 February, 1806.
14. † *Samuel*, b. in Merrimack 29 July, 1807.
15. *Sarah*, b. 25 April, 1810; d. 8 October, 1840; unmarried.
16. *Esther S.*, b. 31 May, 1813; d. 18 February, 1819.
17. *Elizabeth*, b. 11 March, 1818; m. † Charles Converse: d. 6 October, 1875.
18. *Esther S.*, b. 2 March, 1821; d. 6 April, 1836.

13. ISRAEL FULLER, JR., m. Susan Carleton, of Merrimack.  
She d. 13 June, 1852, aged 40. Their daughter—

19. *Susan*, wife of C. H. Huddleston, of Boston, Mass., d. 16 May, 1865, aged 30.

14. SAMUEL FULLER, b. in Merrimack 29 July, 1807; m.  
Abigail Hastings 10 December, 1840; res. in South Merrimack.  
Their children are—

20. *Abby C.*, b. 22 November, 1842.
21. *Mary A.*, b. 27 May, 1844; m. Miles Merrill 1 January, 1871.
22. *Esther M.*, b. 13 March, 1846; m. Frank J. Smith, of Milford, 18 November, 1869.
23. *James N. B.*, b. 9 October, 1850.
24. *Bessie P.*, b. 17 November, 1853; m. B. Frank Whiting 2 April, 1881.
25. *Ella E. F.*, b. 12 January, 1856; m. Joseph W. A. Kittredge 4 June, 1870.

#### GAGE.

1. JAMES GAGE, b. 21 August, 1736; d. in Jaffrey 30 April, 1815; m. Sarah, daughter of Samuel and Abigail Lamson 29 September, 1761. She was b. in 1739; d. 27 October, 1832, aged 93 years, and is said to have been the first child b. of English parents in Souhegan West. They rem. from Amherst to Jaffrey in 1779. Their children were—

2. *Thomas*, b. 2 July, 1762; d. in Jaffrey 16 December, 1781, aged 19 years.



3. *Abigail*, b. 20 August, 1764; m. John French; d. in New Hartford, N. Y., 20 April, 1860, aged 95.

4. *John*, b. 6 May, 1766; d. 24 May, 1766.

5. *James*, b. 5 August, 1767; m. Polly Drury, of Temple, 10 September, 1793; d. at McHenry, Ill., 24 January, 1856, aged 88.

6. *Sarah*, b. 27 April, 1769; m. Samuel Jewett; d. 12 February, 1861, aged 91.

7. *Phebe*, b. 1 May, 1771; d. 14 December, 1777.

8. *Samuel*, b. 17 November, 1773; m. Luciuda Edgerton 30 October, 1799; d. 3 April, 1860, aged 86.

9. *Elizabeth*, b. 4 November, 1776; d. 6 June, 1778.

10. *Phebe*, b. 15 December, 1779; m. Joseph Cutter 18 June, 1804; d. 6 December, 1871, aged 92.

11. *Jonathan*, b. 22 January, 1782; d. 13 March, 1868, aged 86.

The average age of the parents and the seven children who reached maturity was 81 years and a fraction.

12. STEPHEN GAGE, b. in 1803; d. 23 April, 1878; resided for more than twenty years on the "Colby" farm in the north part of School District No. 8. His wife, Hannah, b. in 1811, d. 18 October, 1864. Their children were—

13. *Hannah P.*, b. in 1838; m. Thomas H. McQueston, of Mont Vernon, 4 July, 1861.

14. *Sophronia*, b. in 1839.

15. *Stephen P.*, b. in 1840; m. Eliza A. Pierce, of Goffstown, 2 May, 1871.

16. *Mary Ann*, b. in 1842.

17. *Nathan A.*, b. in 1845.

18. *Horace D.*, b. in 1852.

## GARDNER.

1. CAPT. GEORGE GARDNER, b. at Nantucket, Mass., 22 November, 1764; d. in Amherst 19 October, 1838; m. Priscilla Woodbury 8 May, 1790. She was b. 7 November, 1766; d. 22 August, 1848. He was a sea-faring man, and, his business being ruined by the troubles with Great Britain, he rem. with his family to Amherst in 1808, and resided with his father-in-law, Capt. Woodbury, several years. He then returned to Nantucket whence he made several voyages, but

returned to Amherst, in 1820, where he resided on the Woodbury farm until 1832, when he rem. to the "Capt. Prior house," on the Plain, where he d. Their children were—

2. *Nathaniel Woodbury*, b. 28 August, 1792; d. 10 April, 1815.
3. *Rebecca*, b. 12 November, 1794; d. 9 July, 1796.
4. *Elizabeth Woodbury*, b. 10 October, 1806; m. †Isaac P. McKean.
5. †*George B.*, b. 17 July, 1809; m. Betsey Bancroft.

5. GEORGE B. GARDNER, b. 17 July, 1809; d. 29 April, 1843; m. Betsey Bancroft, of Pepperell, Mass., 19 January, 1832. He was a blacksmith, and carried on his business on the Plain. Their children were—

6. *George Henry*, b. 22 April, 1833; m. Laura Taylor, of Boston, Mass., in August, 1857.
7. *Sarah Elizabeth*, b. 21 December, 1836; m. Henry W. Burgess, of Charlestown, Mass., 29 October, 1856; d. in Charlestown 19 May, 1850.

#### GAY.

BETSEY C. GAY, d. 4 April, 1875, aged 81 years 2 months and 2 days.

#### GEORGE.

JOSEPH GEORGE, b. in Salisbury 7 August, 1795, d. 29 April, 1841; m. Sarah, daughter of Dr. Nathaniel Henchman. She was b. 13 March, 1788; d. 6 March, 1855. He settled in Amherst prior to his marriage, and resided here during the remainder of his life. Their children were—

1. †*Nathaniel Henchman*, b. 30 June, 1822.
2. *Nancy Henchman*, b. 6 November, 1824; m. Daniel K. Marvell 28 February, 1843.
3. *Mary Henchman*, b. 1 July, 1827.
4. *Sarah Henchman*, b. 16 December, 1829; m. Henry W. Marvell 18 July, 1850.
5. *George Washington*, b. 8 October, 1832; m. Esther A. McClure, of Mason, 4 July, 1855. He was an officer in the army and was wounded in the civil war.

1. NATHANIEL HENCHMAN GEORGE, b. in Amherst 30 June, 1822, and resided here through life, an industrious and useful citizen. He d. 20 August, 1882; m. Nancy Hamblett 17 March, 1847. She was b. 3 November, 1826. Their children were—

6. *Laura Henchman*, b. 21 July, 1848; d. 15 February, 1870.

7. *Nathaniel Albert*, b. 26 July, 1850; m. Flora A. Proctor, of Manchester, 20 July, 1876; res. in Manchester.

### GIBSON.

The ancestors of (I) SAMUEL GIBSON emigrated from Scotland to the province of Ulster, in Ireland, where he was b. in 1693 or 1694, thence he came to Boston, Mass., where he m. Ann McAfee 30 August, 1683. They were the first settlers in Hillsborough in 1741, and their daughter, Elizabeth, b. 19 May, 1742, was the first female child b. of white parents in that town. On the breaking out of the French and Indian war, in 1744, the settlement at Hillsborough was abandoned and he settled in Litchfield. In 1770 he rein. to Merrimack, where he d. 4 September, 1779.

II. 1. SAMUEL GIBSON, son of Samuel and Ann (McAfee) Gibson; b. in Boston, Mass., 24 August, 1737; m. Elizabeth Stewart, of Litchfield, who was b. in 1738. She was a daughter of John Stewart, who came to Londonderry in company with Rev. James McGregor in 1719. They resided in Merrimack, Litchfield, and again in Merrimack where she d. 3 February, 1815. After her death, Mr. Gibson rem. to Amherst where he d. at the residence of his son, Robert, 3 November, 1820. Their children were—

2. *Samuel*, settled in Hillsborough; m. (1) Margaret McCalley; m. (2) Mary Miller; m. (3) Jane (Giffen) Grimes.

3. *Jean*, m. John Allds.

4. *John*, a prominent citizen of Francestown, of which place he was the representative in the state legislature in 1813-14-15. He was, for a short time, one of the directors of the Hillsborough Bank. He assisted in building the second N. H. Turnpike, in 1801, and d. 26 April, 1821, leaving a large estate.

5. *William*, settled in Lyman.
6. *Ann*, m. Thomas Cummings.
7. *Gabriel*, resided at Crown Point, N. Y.
8. *Martha*, m. Jonathan Moulton.
9. *Adam*, settled in Lyman.
10. *Margaret*, (1) d. in infancy.
11. *Margaret*, (2) d. in infancy.
12. *Elizabeth*, m. Benjamin Parker.
13. †*Robert*, settled in Amherst.
14. *Rebecca*, d. in infancy.

13. ROBERT GIBSON, b. in Merrimack 6 December, 1780; d. 12 September, 1822; m. Hannah, daughter of David Wilson, of Francestown. He settled in Amherst about 1816, and left no children. His widow m. (2) James Cochran, of Hancock.

15. WILLIAM GIBSON and Martha J. Kendall were m. in June, 1838. Their children were—

16. *Mary A. K.*, d. 21 December, 1845, aged 6 years and 8 months.
17. *George*, d. 10 September, 1848, aged 2 years.

#### GIDDINGS.

ISAAC GIDDINGS, formerly of New Boston, d. in Amherst, December, 1829, aged 55.

#### GILMORE.

JAMES and MOLLY GILMORE were from Londonderry whence they rem. to Amherst about 1770, and settled in Cricket Corner. She d. in 1805. He d. in 1825, aged 86. Their children were—

1. †*Thomas*.
2. *Molly*, b. 8 March, 1771; m. Thomas Manning in March, 1807.
3. *Asa*, b. 24 September, 1773; m. Lucy Dodge 10 April, 1797. He was a clothier, and carried on business in Milford and Hillsborough; finally settled in Weston, Vt., where he d. in 1825. They were the parents of Addison and Joseph Albree Gilmore.
4. *Jesse*, b. 18 August, 1775; d. young.
5. *Anna*, b. 28 June, 1778; m. Benjamin Merrill in December, 1801.

6. *Jesse*, b. 5 May, 1780; m. Polly Gilmore 2 May, 1800; d. in June, 1825.

7. *Hannah*, b. 6 July, 1782; m. Isaac Fields, of Merrimack, 14 October, 1810.

1. THOMAS GILMORE, m. Tabitha Wilkins, daughter of Capt. Daniel Wilkins. She was b. 28 October, 1774; d. in South Marlow 16 September, 1848. He d. in the service of his country, at Burlington, Vt., in 1814. Their children were—

8. *Thomas W.*, b. 27 March, 1794; d. in Newport 27 July, 1875. Settled first in Sanbornton; rem. thence to Newport; m. (1) *Hannah B. Lovejoy*, of Sanbornton, 17 November, 1822; m. (2) *Maria Forsaith*.

9. *Sophia*, b. 27 January, 1796; m. †Levi Jones.

10. *Mary Ann*, m. Dr. Reuben Hatch; d. in Griggsville, Ill., in November, 1878, aged 73.

11. *Mehitable Codman*, m. Joshua Mitchell 30 April, 1818; d. in Woodstock, Vt.

12. *Daniel Wilkins*, m. Hannah Taylor, of Sanbornton.

13. *James Gordon Taylor*, d. in New York; unmarried.

14. *Ebenezer Bradford*, m. (1) Margaret Jane Waldron, of Portsmouth; m. (2) Abigail Taylor, of Sanbornton; d. in New York.

15. *Frank Langdon*, m. Adeline Orser; d. in New York.

*Sarah Gilmore*, of Amherst, m. Asa Spalding. She d. in Merrima 18 March, 1845, aged 48.

## GILSON.

*Mrs. Harriet*, wife of L. H. Gilson, d. 23 June, 1866, aged 38.

*Sally Gilson*, formerly of Brookline, d. 1 February, 1847, aged 68.

*Esther Gilson*, d. 8 December, 1858, aged 77.

*Abigail Gilson*, d. 28 June, 1869, aged 86 years and 10 months.

## GOODWIN.

ALPHEUS GOODWIN, JR., m. Polly Stratton 16 May, 1804. He d. in January, 1810, aged 32. Their children were—

*Mary Holman*, b. 15 April, 1803.

*John Barnard*, d. 18 March, 1805.

*Anne Stratton*, b. 26 June, 1807.

## GOSS.

1. **PETER GOSS**, settled in Amherst soon after the incorporation of the town. He m. **Mary Abbot**. She was b. 22 March, 1741. Their children were—

2. *John Abbot*, b. 5 June, 1764; d. in December, 1819, aged 55; a soldier in the Revolution.

3. † *Ephraim*, b. 6 April, 1767.

4. *Mary*, b. 21 May, 1769.

5. *Daniel*, b. 20 February, 1771; d. 18 September, 1771.

6. *Sarah*, b. 25 December, 1772; m. **William Ray** 3 December, 1797.

3. **EPHRAIM GOSS**, b. 6 April, 1767; d. 18 November; m. **Anah Bathrick** 13 July, 1786. She was b. in Leominster, Mass., 1 February, 1770; d. 20 March, 1875, aged 105 years 1 month and 19 days, the oldest person who has ever died in Amherst. Their children were—

7. *Martha*, b. 30 April, 1787; d. 24 June, 1868; unmarried.

8. *Leonard*, b. 21 July, 1789; m. (1) **Caroline Southack**; d. at Mt. Carroll, Ill., 22 February, 1854.

9. *Anah*, b. 29 August, 1791; m. **James Whitney**, of Nelson, 7 June, 1822; d. in Amherst, 11 December, 1870.

10. *Ephraim*, b. 15 April, 1794; m. **Eliza B. Stevens** 8 November, 1814; d. in Troy, N. Y., 6 November, 1866.

11. *Sally B.*, b. 8 May, 1796; m. **Jonathan White**, 1 January, 1818; d. in Goffstown 15 January, 1878.

12. *Nancy M.*, b. 5 November, 1798; m. **Abraham Gregg** 24 October, 1819; d. in St. Louis, Mo., 2 January, 1844.

13. *Daniel*, b. 25 November, 1801; m. **Margaret Wright**; d. 10 November, 1873.

14. *Mary R.*, b. 25 March, 1804; m. **Ambrose Seaton** 15 November, 1828; d. 4 July, 1863.

15. *Elizabeth H.*, b. 11 October, 1806; m. **Harard R. Wilcox** 11 October, 1827; res. in Palmyra, N. Y.

16. *Caroline S.*, b. 26 March, 1816; m. **Elias S. Russell** 21 September, 1842; d. in Nashua, 27 August, 1845.

Average age of parents and children (one living 11 January, 1882) 39 years and 11 months.

*Richard O.*, son of **Richard G. Goss**, d. in September, 1833, aged 10 months. The father was a baker in Amherst a few years.

## GOULD.

1. RICHARD GOULD, from Topsfield, Mass., settled in Souhegan West prior to 1754. He was b. in Topsfield 20 April, 1722; m. about 1744. His children were—

2. *Mary*, b. 24 March, 1745; m. John Sherwin, of Rindge 28 November, 1764.

3. *John*, baptized 1 May, 1748; d. 31 May, 1748.

4. *Susannah*, baptized 16 April 1749.

5. *Phebe*, m. Ezra Dutton 17 June, 1779.

6. STEPHEN GOULD, a nephew of Richard, b. 6 February, 1754, d. in 1825; m. Lydia Fuller, of Middleton. She d. about 1810. They resided for some years on the farm now owned by James M. Crooker. About 1804 they rem. to Hillsborough. He was noted as a stock raiser and trainer of oxen. Their children were—

7. *Elijah*, b. 13 May, 1780; m. (2) Hannah Chapman 18 September, 1823; res. in Antrim.

8. †*Stephen*, b. 3 February, 1782; m. Polly Melendy, of Amherst; rem. to Vermont.

9. *Abner*, m. Almira Codman; res. in Hillsborough.

10. *Timothy*, b. 2 May, 1789; m. Clarissa Bradford in 1815; res. in Hillsborough.

8. STEPHEN GOULD, b. 3 February, 1782; d. in Cambridge, Vt., 3 December, 1852; m. Polly, daughter of Nathaniel Melendy. She was b. 8 November, 1790; d. 16 July, 1867. They resided for some years in Amherst, but finally rem. to Cambridge, Vt. Their children (the first three b. in Amherst) were—

11. *Charles M.*, b. 22 September, 1811; m. Sarah E. Hall; res. in Laconia.

12. *Caroline*, b. 12 August, 1813; m. ——— Long; res. in Cambridge, Vt.

13. *Samuel*, b. 20 November, 1816; res. in Cambridge.

14. *Allen*, b. 28 August, 1819.

15. JOHN GOULD, b. in Chester 4 August, 1829; m. Harriet Garfield 9 April, 1867. She was b. in Wethersfield,

Vt., 10 December, 1844, and is a distant relative of the late President Garfield. They settled in Amherst in April, 1867, on the "Grater" farm; no children.

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*Thaddeus Gould*, b. in 1791, m. Mary Ann Hichborn; settled in Boston, Mass., in 1812; d. in 1840.

*Lydia Gould*, m. Aaron Smith.

*Jonathan Gould*, m. Sabra Booth.

*John Gould*, from Wilmington, Mass., d. in Amherst, 26 August, 1828, aged 75.

*Capt. Benjamin Gould*, d. 1 July, 1845, aged 77.

*Abigail*, wife of Benjamin Gould, formerly of Alstead, d. 9 November, 1850, aged 78.

*Dea. Ambrose Gould*, formerly a merchant in Hollis, d. 10 April, 1842, aged 65.

#### GOWING.

ROBERT GOWING, b. in Edinburgh, Scotland, in 1608, was the ancestor of this family.

I. WILLIAM GOWING, one of his descendants, settled in Wilmington, Mass., early in the last century, and the place he occupied has remained in the hands of his descendants until the present time. His son—

II. DANIEL GOWING, d. 6 May, 1809, aged 79. He m. Sarah Burnap who d. in 1812, aged 79. Their son—

III. JOSEPH GOWING, succeeded them on the homestead, and m. Sarah Harnden who d. 3 May, 1865, aged 77. He d. 12 July, 1825, aged 64. Their son—

IV. 1. JOSEPH GOWING, b. 15 January, 1791; m. Elizabeth Walker, of Fryeburg, Me., 23 January, 1820. She was b. in Shirley, Mass., 12 December, 1796; d. in Amherst 23 July, 1876. They resided in Andover, Mass., 19 years; removed thence to Amherst 20 December, 1839, where they resided nearly 37 years. After the death of his wife Mr. Gowing returned to Wilmington, Mass., where he is now (1882)



living, on the old Gowing homestead, in good health, at the age of 91 years. Their children were—

2. *Elizabeth*, b. 15 October, 1820; d. 18 October, 1820.
3. *Elizabeth*, b. 1 February, 1822; m. Henry Sheldon, of Wilmington, Mass., 25 November, 1847; d. at Wilmington 9 November, 1848.
4. *Sarah*, b. 19 July, 1826; m. Henry Sheldon, 23 November, 1861.
5. *Esther*, b. 2 July, 1828; m. Otis C. Buck, of Wilmington, Mass., 4 November, 1851; d. 6 April, 1856; one daughter.
6. *Cynthia*, b. 29 October, 1832; m. James W. Towne, of San Francisco, Cal., 29 May, 1855; d. at Orange, N. J., 8 July, 1875; ten children.
7. *Harriet*, b. 9 March, 1838; res. in Wilmington, Mass.; unmarried.

### GRATER.

1. FRANCIS GRATER, b. in Barcelona, Spain, in 1750; left there at the age of 12 years and never returned. He served a short time on board a privateer vessel in the Revolutionary war. Near the close of the war he m. Jane Wilson, and settled in Marblehead, Mass., whence they rem. to Amherst in 1801, where he d. 3 January, 1845, aged 94 years. She d. 27 January, 1832, aged 71. Their children were—

2. †*James H.*, b. 12 September, 1781.
3. *Charity*, b. 7 September, 1784; d. 19 April, 1796.
4. *George W.*, b. 25 December, 1786; d. 20 March, 1791.
5. *Jenny*, b. 26 December, 1788; d. 26 May, 1790.
6. *Francis*, b. 30 December, 1790; d. 13 October, 1791.
7. *Francis*, b. 18 November, 1792; d. 2 March, 1794.
8. *George Wilson*, b. 5 July, 1795; learned the printer's trade in the Cabinet office; worked as a journeyman in Boston, Mass., and Baltimore, Md.; invented an improved printing press; d. in Boston 9 February, 1832; m. Elizabeth Adams, of Boston. They had one child, Jane Elizabeth, who d. at the age of about 20 years. After the death of her husband Mrs. Grater engaged in teaching in a primary school in Boston where she was employed more than thirty years. She d. in Cambridgeport, Mass., 18 February, 1877, aged 73 years.
9. †*Francis*, b. 10 August, 1798.
10. *Jane*, b. 26 March, 1802; d. in February, 1807.

2. JAMES H. GRATER, b. 12 September, 1781, came to Amherst with his parents in 1801: m. Rachel Tuttle in March,

1821; left Amherst in July, 1828, and settled in Johnstown, Licking county, Ohio; rem. thence to Jamestown, Tippecanoe county, Ind., where he d. at an advanced age. Their children were—

11. *Charity W.*, b. 15 September, 1821.
12. *James Monroe*, b. 10 March, 1823.
13. *George Wilson*, b. 2 June, 1825.
14. *Thomas Cloutman*, b. 26 June, 1827.

9. FRANCIS GRATER, JR., b. in Marblehead, Mass., 10 August, 1798; succeeded his father on the homestead; m. *Sallinda Hildreth* 12 April, 1826. She was b. 1 January, 1801. He d. 15 January, 1857. Their children were—

15. *Charles Edwin*, b. 28 May, 1827; unmarried; res. in Amherst.
16. *George W.*, b. 9 July, 1829; married; has resided in Memphis, Tenn.; now res. in Marblehead, Mass.
17. *Francis A.*, b. 29 October, 1831; married; res. in Providence, R. I.
18. *Jane E.*, b. 14 November, 1831; m. *William Chisholm* 1 September, 1869; res. in Marblehead, Mass.
19. *Mary Ann*, b. 27 May, 1837; m. *John Bartlett*; res. in Marblehead, Mass.
20. *Henrietta*, b. 29 January, 1840; d. in August, 1843.
21. *John Aibert*, b. 8 February, 1842; res. in Nashua.
22. *Harriet*, b. 5 July, 1845; m. *Charles H. Parker* 28 April, 1880; res. in Amherst.
23. *James II.*, b. 6 November, 1849; unmarried; res. in Marblehead, Mass.

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*Hannah Grater*, d. in October, 1858, aged 20 years.

## GRAY.

SAMUEL GRAY settled in Souhegan West prior to 1760; m. *Sarah Abbott*. He d. 3 October, 1769, aged 58. She was a sister of *Ephraim Abbott* who settled in Souhegan West.



BIRTHPLACE OF HORACE GREELEY,  
Founder of the N. Y. Tribune.

### GREELEY.

ZACCHEUS GREELEY, a native of Nottingham West, now Hudson; m. Mary Woodburn, of Londonderry. About 1810 they settled in Amherst where they remained some eleven years, when they rem. to Vermont, thence to Wayne, Erie county, N. Y., where he d. 18 December, 1867. She d. in December, 1855, aged 68. Their children (b. in Amherst) were—

*Horace*, b. 3 February, 1811; founder of the *New York Tribune*; member of Congress; candidate for president, etc.; d. in New York 29 November, 1872.

*A child*, d. in March, 1814, aged 5 months.

### GREEN.

I. THOMAS GREEN, an emigrant from England, came to this country probably in 1635 or 1636. In October, 1651,

he was living in Malden, Mass., in that part now called Melrose, and d. there 19 December, 1667.

II. SAMUEL GREEN, the youngest son of Thomas, b. in March, 1645, m. Mary Cook in 1666. They resided in Malden, where he d. 31 October, 1724. She d. 24 November, 1715.

III. THOMAS GREEN, the second son of Samuel and Mary, was b. in 1669; m. Hannah Vinton 10 May, 1698; resided in Malden. He d. 24 August, 1725.

IV. THOMAS GREEN, son of Thomas and Hannah, b. in Malden 9 December, 1702; m. Mary Green, of Stoneham, Mass. They settled in Reading, Mass., where he d., probably in February, 1753. She d. 20 June, 1787, aged 78.

V. AMOS GREEN, son of Thomas and Mary Green, was b. in Reading, Mass., 16 May, 1740; m. Keturah Stewart. They settled in the westerly part of the town of Amherst about 1770. He was a farmer and joiner. Their children were—

1. *Hannah*, b. 27 September, 1773; m. Amos Upham 3 September, 1797.

2. † *Amos*, b. 22 November, 1776.

3. *Nathan*, b. 15 July, 1778; m. Hannah Trow, of Mont Vernon; resided in Plattsburg, N. Y.; d. in Lowell, Mass.

4. *Polly*, b. 23 August, 1781; m. William Bradford; resided in Barre, Vt.

5. *Betsy*, b. 15 October, 1783; m. Luther Odell 17 March, 1806; resided in Mont Vernon, and d. there.

6. *Susannah*, b. 10 October, 1786; m. (1) Joseph Robinson; (2) Mr. Myatt; resided in New York and d. there.

7. *Martha*, b. 23 June, 1788.

VI. 2. AMOS GREEN, b. 22 November, 1776; d. 1 February, 1860; m. Ruth Hastings. She was b. 26 March, 1787; d. 22 April, 1847. He succeeded his father on the homestead on Christian hill, and was one of the substantial farmers of the town, a good citizen and a worthy man. Their children were—

8. *George W.*, b. 21 August, 1807; m. (1) *Mary Upton*; m. (2) *Hannah P. Stearns*; d. in Mont Vernon in 1881; two children.

9. *Dorothy H.*, b. 13 March, 1809; d. 24 September, 1851; unmarried.

10. *Mary*, b. 8 December, 1810; unmarried; res. on the homestead.

11. *Amos*, b. 23 October, 1813; m. *Sarah A. Mills*; d. in Chester in August, 1873; five children.

12. *Charles*, b. 26 June, 1815; d. 9 January, 1873; unmarried.

13. *Jane*, b. 28 August, 1816; unmarried; res. on the homestead.

14. *Nathan*, b. 8 December, 1820; d. 19 November, 1841; unmarried.

15. *Augusta K.*, b. 14 March, 1823; unmarried; res. on the homestead.

16. *Daniel A.*, b. 19 May, 1826; d. 25 August, 1851; unmarried.

17. *Rufus*, b. 2 August, 1829; d. 11 July, 1874; unmarried.

### GRIMES.

THADDEUS GRIMES m. *Jane Williams*. Their daughter—  
*Betty*, was b. 10 October, 1788.

### GUTTERSON.

Children of SAMUEL and LYDIA GUTTERSON—

*Sarah*, b. 3 September, 1774.

*Jacob*, b. 21 November, 1777.

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*Eli S. Gutterson*, a soldier in the civil war, d. 19 May, 1863, aged 44 years and 10 months.

### HALL.

JOHN S. HALL, b. in 1812, d. 2 March, 1872; m. *Adeline S. Warren*. She was b. in 1807; d. 7 January, 1853. Their child—

*George W.*, b. in 1840, d. 11 May, 1861.

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*Lucy Hall*, wife of *Nathan*; a native of Amherst; d. in New Boston in April, 1855, aged 54.

*Samuel Hall*, who once resided on the farm now owned by Mr. Drucker; d. at Manchester 31 December, 1839, aged 68.

## HAMLET.

GEORGE O. HAMLET d. 6 February, 1860, aged 32.

## HANLY.

HENRY HANLY was an Englishman, said to have been captured in Burgoyne's army. He settled in the woods near Benjamin Merrill's, on land owned by Ebenezer Kimball.

In 1782 he enlisted in the Continental army for three years, as one of the quota required of Amherst.

2 June, 1780, he m. Mrs. Elizabeth (Seaton) Goodman, a sister of Dea. John Seaton, jr., whom he abused. In his old age he became poor and was cared for by the town. He d. 23 May, 1819, being, probably, about 90 years of age. His widow d. 8 November, 1819, aged 75.

## HANSCOMB.

GEORGE HANSCOMB, for some years a resident in Amherst, d. in Milford 27 July, 1861, aged 63.

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*Mrs. Almira J. Hanscomb*, d. at Hudson 8 December, 1871, aged 75.

*Sarah Elizabeth Hanscomb*, wife of George Corey, d. at Bethel, Vt., 30 April, 1856.

*Charles E. Hanscomb*, d. at Greenwood, Jackson county, Mo., 3 November, 1867, aged 29.

*Mary Jane Hanscomb*, d. at Milford 23 June, 1869, aged 29.

## HANSON.

*Addie L. Hanson*, adopted daughter of H. L. Hanson, d. 17 January, 1874, aged 16.

## HAPGOOD.

COL. CHARLES E. HAPGOOD, an officer in the 5th regiment N. H. Vols. in the civil war; came to Amherst in 1858 and remained here in business until 1862. After the close of the war he rem. to Brookline, Mass.

*Mrs. Mary E. Hapgood*, wife of Col. Hapgood, d. in Brookline 2 September, 1879, aged 46.

### HARDY.

1. *ELBRIDGE HARDY*, b. in Andover, Mass., 10 August, 1804; d. in Brooklyn, N. Y., 1 April, 1874; m. Sarah (Wadleigh) Stevens, of Deering, 17 May, 1831. She was b. in Deering 12 February, 1810; d. in Brooklyn 29 December, 1882. They settled in Amherst in 1832, and kept the hotel south of the Common more than twenty-five years. He was leader of the choir in the church many years; selectman in 1837; rem. to Brooklyn in 1862. Their children were—

2. *Elbridge Gerry*, b. 29 December, 1832; d. in Tyngsborough, Mass., 14 February, 1877.

3. *Sarah Jane*, b. 21 July, 1836; m. E. H. Amsden; d. in Brooklyn 11 November, 1877.

4. *Albert Bradford*, b. in December, 1837; d. in August, 1845.

5. *Josie Maria*, b. 10 October, 1839; m. C. M. Mills; d. in Brooklyn 17 May, 1868.

6. *Georgia C.*, b. 1 July, 1843; m. Rev. Silas Ketchum 4 April, 1860.

7. *George A.*, b. 4 March, 1845; m. Jennie Moore.

8. *Persis Emeline*, b. 17 January, 1847; m. Thomas Collins.

9. *Anna Theresa*, b. 11 November, 1849; m. Capt. Henry Ballou.

10. *Nellie Imogene*, b. 30 July, 1855; m. Capt. M. P. Smith.

11. *ALBERT HARDY*, brother of Elbridge, b. in Greenfield 26 April, 1810; d. 14 October, 1853; m. Rachel Bradford, of Lyndeborough; carried on business some years in the old Read store in Amherst. He served as town-clerk a short time. One child—

12. *A son*, b. in 1841; d. in 1846.

### HARRADON.

*ISAAC HARRADON*, b. in 1792; d. 30 July, 1866; m. Lucy, daughter of Reuben Stearns, 3 October, 1820. She was b. in 1800. Their children were—

*Willard N.*, b. in 1822; was a printer and a soldier in the 9th regiment N. H. Vols.; d. at Manchester 30 April, 1872. One of his sons d. in the service.

*Reuben L.*, b. in 1832; d. 28 March, 1871.

*Charles*, d. in 1844. And others.

### HARTSHORN.

I. THOMAS HARTSHORN, the first American ancestor of the families of this name in Amherst, was one of the first settlers in Reading, Mass. He was made freeman in 1648. By his first wife, Susan, who d. in 1660, he had—

*Thomas*, b. 30 September, 1648.

*John*, b. 6 May, 1650.

*Benjamin*, b. 18 April, 1654.

*Jonathan*, b. 20 August, 1656.

*David*, b. 18 October, 1657.

*Susan*, b. 2 March, 1660.

By his second wife, Sarah, he had—

†*Timothy*, b. 23 February, 1662.

II. 1. TIMOTHY HARTSHORN, b. 23 February, 1662; settled in Reading, Mass. By his wife, Martha, he had—

2. *Timothy*, b. 30 September, 1688.

3. *Thomas*, b. 10 June, 1691; d. young.

4. *John*, b. 30 August, 1693; d. young.

5. *Martha*, b. 11 January, 1696.

6. †*John*, b. 20 March, 1698.

7. *Mary*, b. 18 February, 1701.

8. *Hepsibah*, b. 10 April, 1703.

9. *Samuel*, b. in 1705.

10. *Hannah*, b. 25 March, 1708; m. †Joseph Boutell 5 July, 1733.

11. †*David*, b. 3 March, 1710.

III. 6. JOHN HARTSHORN, b. 20 March, 1698; m. Abigail Bancroft 1 July, 1721. Among their children was—

IV. 12. JAMES HARTSHORN, b. in Reading, Mass., 8 August, 1730. He m. Tabitha Pratt 29 November, 1753. She



was b. 25 January, 1734; d. in July, 1805. They settled in Amherst about 1765. Their children were—

13. †*James, jr.*, b. 17 March, 1755.
14. *Timothy*, b. 8 April, 1757; d. 2 November, 1838; unmarried.
15. †*John*, b. 21 June, 1759.
16. *Tabitha*, b. 23 September, 1761; m. George Johnson 25 May, 1784; d. in New York.
17. †*Edward*, b. 23 June, 1764; d. 22 August, 1854, aged 90.
18. *Ebenezer*, b. 22 May, 1766.
19. *Abigail*, b. 16 September, 1768; m. Samuel Pearsons in December, 1790.
20. *Samuel*, b. 26 February, 1771.
21. *Thomas*, b. 3 May, 1773; } d. 5 May, 1773.
22. *David*, b. 3 May, 1773; } d. on the day of his birth.
23. *Sarah*, b. 26 February, 1775; m. Lewis Stratton 28 September, 1797; d. 29 August, 1840.

V. 13. JAMES HARTSHORN, JR., b. 17 March, 1755; m. Martha Stewart, of Amherst; d. about 1780. His widow m. Amos Elliot, of Amherst, 16 May, 1781. He was a private in Capt. David Wilkins's company at the Cedars, and was among the prisoners taken by the British and Indians. One child—

24. *Martha*, b. 13 October, 1775; m. Abijah Spafford, of Reading, Mass., 27 October, 1795.

V. 15. DEA. JOHN HARTSHORN, b. 21 June, 1759; came to Amherst with his parents; m. (1) Joanna Burdett 23 October, 1782. She was b. 1 November, 1756; d. 16 October, 1818; m. (2) Sarah (Shepard) Kendrick 20 March, 1819. She d. 5 September, 1840, aged 82. He d. 28 November, 1842. Their children were—

25. *John Cadz*, b. 8 November, 1783; d. 27 January, 1785.
26. *John*, b. 9 October, 1785; d. 11 October, 1803.
27. †*James*, b. 1 July, 1787.
28. *Nancy*, b. 21 May, 1789; m. Hugh McConchie, of Merrimack, 14 January, 1810; d. 27 August, 1856.
29. †*Daniel*, b. 8 March, 1792.

30. *Mary*, b. 30 December, 1704; d. in Nashua 15 January, 1866; unmarried.

31. *Betsy*, b. 20 October, 1897; m. Putnam Emerson; d. at Woburn, Mass., 25 December, 1868.

32. *Joanna*, b. 15 August, 1800; m. Luther E. Stevens, of Claremont, in January, 1825; m. (2) Mr. Woods; res. in Minneapolis, Minn.

27. JAMES HARTSHORN, b. 1 July, 1787; d. 1 July, 1878, aged 91; settled in Nashua; m. (1) Judith Stevens in December, 1814. She d. 23 December, 1819; m. (2) Mary Knight who survives him. Their children were—

33. *Susan*, b. 13 October, 1815; m. Jesse Hutchinson, of Milford; d. at Lynn, Mass., 10 September, 1851.

34. *Harriet*, b. 11 June, 1817; m. (1) Euclid Moore, of Milford; m. (2) Freeman Crosby, of Milford.

29. CAPT. DANIEL HARTSHORN, b. 8 March, 1792; d. 20 February, 1871; spent his life in Amherst, where he was an active and useful citizen; m. (1) Dolly Hastings 21 April, 1812. She d. 11 January, 1834; m. (2) Mary Webber in August, 1834. Of his somewhat numerous family all but the following d. in infancy—

35. *William*, m. Adeline Buckman, of Claremont; was a stove manufacturer and dealer in Manchester where he held several important offices. He d. 17 May, 1870, aged 57; three children—

1. William.

2. Maria.

3. Josephine.

36. *Lucy Putnam*, b. in 1818; m. †Harrison Eaton in August, 1840; d. 26 November, 1843.

37. *Joanna E.*, b. in 1824; m. (1) James B. Cleaves 25 February, 1847. He d. 18 November, 1850; m. (2) ——— Torrey. She d. at Waltham, Mass., 9 April, 1867.

38. *Susan*, d. 22 November, 1851, aged 12 years.

39. *Ellen*, m. Oramus W. Burnham 30 July, 1857; res. in Amherst.

V. 17. EDWARD HARTSHORN, b. 23 June, 1764; m. Lucy Elliott 25 December, 1787. She was b. 25 March, 1769; d. in consequence of injuries received in being thrown from a carriage 30 May, 1837. He came to Amherst with his par-

ents and spent his life here ; an upright, honest man. He d. 22 August, 1854, aged 90 years. Their children were—

40. *Levi*, b. in 1789; graduated at Dartmouth College in 1813; m. Hannah Elliott, daughter of Dea. Amos Elliott. She d. at Berlin, Mass., 18 October, 1867, aged 78.

41. *Lucy*, b. 22 September, 1796; m. †*Loea Pratt*.

42. *Stephen*, b. in 1801; d. 15 August, 1818.

43. †*Jotham*, b. 23 March, 1803.

VI. 43. JOTHAM HARTSHORN, b. 23 March, 1803; d. 21 September, 1878; m. Eliza Blodgett 25 May, 1825. She was b. 11 September, 1802; d. 2 January, 1875. He was one of the original "free-soilers," of Amherst; served several years on the board of selectmen, and represented the town four years in the General Court; an active, enterprising citizen and worthy man. Their children were—

44. *Elizabeth*, b. 3 September, 1826; d. 17 September, 1826.

45. †*Levi*, b. 3 September, 1827.

46. *Charles*, b. 21 January, 1830; d. 28 July, 1853; unmarried.

47. †*Frank*, b. 6 September, 1833.

VII. 45. LEVI HARTSHORN, b. 3 September, 1827; d. 7 September, 1872; m. (1) Harriet Holman 18 October, 1852; m. (2) Everline (Melendy) Page 7 March, 1867. He was one of the prominent citizens of the town, and at the time of his death was chairman of the board of selectmen. Their children were—

48. *Charles Page*, b. 28 September, 1869.

49. *George Levi*, b. 11 January, 1872; d. 26 January, 1872.

VII. 47. FRANK HARTSHORN, b. 6 September, 1833; succeeded his father on the homestead; an active business man; m. Elizabeth P. Knight 2 February, 1860. Their children were—

50. *Lucy A.*, b. 10 December, 1860; m. A. Milton Wilkins 23 September, 1880.

51. *Hattie N.*, b. 25 April, 1863.

52. *Lizzie E.*, b. 19 July, 1875; d. in infancy.

53. *Leri Jotham*, b. 10 October, 1878.

III. 11. DAVID HARTSHORN, b. in Reading, Mass., 3 May, 1710; settled in the easterly part of the town, near Walnut Hill, prior to 1747. He m. Sarah Phelps, of Reading, 18 July, 1733. Their children were—

54. †*David, jr.*, b. 25 August, 1734.

55. *Martha*, m. (1) ——— Kimball; m. (2) †Bartholomew Dodge, of Amherst. She d. about 1790.

56. †*John*, b. in 1744.

57. *Mary*, m. Daniel Weston, of Amherst, 20 April, 1762.

IV. 54. DAVID HARTSHORN, JR., b. 25 August, 1734; was a soldier in the French and Indian wars. He d. in the Cape Breton expedition. By his wife, Sarah, he had one child—

58. †*Timothy*, b. 15 October, 1750; m. Margaret Seaton.

IV. 56. JOHN HARTSHORN, b. in Reading, Mass., in 1744; d. 26 May, 1830; settled on the farm now owned by Thomas B. and Charles H. Parker; m. (1) Naomi Upton, of Reading, 14 May, 1767. She d. 20 January, 1773, aged 26; m. (2) Hannah Prince, who d. 19 December, 1795, aged 42; m. (3) Mrs. Lucy Jones. She d. 13 September, 1822, aged 75; m. (4) Nancy (Stone) Durant, who survived him and m. Joseph Putnam. She d. 28 July, 1850, aged 92 years. Their children were—

59. *Naomi*, b. 17 February, 1768; d. 21 June, 1771.

60. *David*, b. 2 January, 1771; d. 16 April, 1771.

61. *John*, b. 3 October, 1774; settled in Belfast, Me., and d. there 5 December, 1813; unmarried.

62. *Naomi*, b. 11 May, 1777; went to California when 90 years old and d. there.

63. *Hannah*, twin sister of Naomi, b. 11 May, 1777; settled in Maine and d. there.

64. *Betsey*, b. 17 May, 1780; settled in Maine.

65. *Sally*, b. 24 April, 1782; d. in Maine.

66. *Mary*, b. 24 April, 1785; m. †Daniel Moulton.

67. *Tirzah*, m. ——— Olds; d. in Vermont.

68. *David*, b. 28 February, 1789; a soldier in the war of 1812. After the close of the war he settled in Missouri, where he was killed by a stone falling upon him 23 December, 1844.

69. †*Joseph*, b. 12 May, 1791; is the last survivor of the family; was a soldier in the war of 1812; m. *Mary Ellsworth*, of Deering.

70. †*Timothy*, b. 29 May, 1793.

71. *Prince*, b. 9 December, 1795; d. at Waupan, Wisconsin.

V. 69. JOSEPH HARTSHORN, b. 12 May, 1791; m. *Mary Ellsworth* 30 March, 1817. She was b. in Deering 3 November, 1791; d. in Bradford 30 June, 1862. They resided in Hillsborough and Bradford and Mr. Hartshorn now (1882) res. in Concord. Their children were—

72. *David Henry*, b. 27 May, 1823; m. *Amanda Forsaith*, of Hillsborough, 14 February, 1853; d. in Bradford 18 April, 1877.

73. *Mary Antoinette*, b. 17 January, 1826; d. 9 January, 1841.

74. *Ann Maria*, b. 29 June, 1827; m. (1) *Henry Canfield* 16 April, 1854. He d. 9 June, 1855; m. (2) *Hiram Farrington* 25 June, 1856; res. in Concord.

75. *Sarah Dutton*, b. 24 January, 1829; d. 26 September, 1854.

76. A son, b. and d. 2 December, 1833.

*Eliza Adeline Gibson*, an adopted child; b. 17 February, 1820; m. (1) *Caleb Knight*, of Bradford, 9 December, 1841; m. (2) *Emery Bailey* 1 February, 1855.

V. 70. TIMOTHY HARTSHORN, b. 29 May, 1793; d. 25 October, 1868; settled, at first, on the farm occupied by his father, which he afterward sold and rem. to the place formerly occupied by Moses Barron and James Bell near Bedford line. He was an industrious farmer and a good citizen; m. (1) *Betsey P. Gay*, of Hillsborough, who d. 15 January, 1849, aged 46; m. (2) *Mary H. Jackson*, of Manchester, 19 December, 1854. Their children were—

77. *Benjamin G.*, b. in 1825; m. *Ann M. Mitchell*, of Manchester; d. in California.

78. *Hannah J.*, b. in 1828; d. 4 January, 1869; unmarried.

79. *Edward B.*, m. *Anna E. Baltzly*, of New Philadelphia, 23 August, 1862; d. in Manchester 8 September, 1866.

80. *Juliette*, m. *Thomas R. Clement*, of Mont Vernon, 2 May, 1855.

81. *Vaola John*, b. in 1835; graduated at Dartmouth College in 1860; is now a clergyman at Lawrence, Mass.; unmarried.

82. *Elizabeth*, b. in 1837; d. in Amherst in 1863.

83. *Lucy Ann*, b. in 1839; res. in Mass.; unmarried.

84. †*Timothy Newton*, b. 26 February, 1842.

V. 58. TIMOTHY HARTSHORN, b. 15 October, 1750; m. Margaret Seaton, daughter of Dea. John Seaton. He d. in the autumn of 1776, leaving one child—

85. *Timothy*, b. 7 June, 1774.

VI. 84. TIMOTHY NEWTON HARTSHORN, m. Maria H. Barker. He was a soldier in the civil war, and is now (1881) in Europe. Their children were—

86. *Timothy N.*, b. in 1866; d. in 1873.

87. *Elizabeth*, b. in 1867.

88. *Mabel*, b. in 1868.

89. *Willie*, b. in 1870; d. in 1873.

90. *Romney*, b. in 1876.

91. WILLIAM HARTSHORN, b. in Reading, Mass., 26 November, 1753; settled in Amherst about 1780; d. 24 June, 1831; m. (1) Mary Walton, of Reading. She was b. 17 November, 1757, and d. 15 July, 1789; m. (2) Hepsibah Holt 27 April, 1790. She was b. at Andover, Mass., 13 June, 1747, and d. in Amherst 11 January, 1851, aged 103½ years. Their children were—

92. *Betsey Swain*, b. 28 August, 1782; m. Thomas Hartshorn, of Reading, Mass., in January, 1842; d. at Arlington, Mass., in October, 1862.

93. *Mary Walton*, b. 26 March, 1785; m. †Amos Hubbard.

94. *Sarah*, b. 5 April, 1787; m. Thomas Thorp 1 September, 1813; d. at Arlington, Mass., 2 October, 1862.

95. *Rebecca*, b. 1 February, 1789; m. William Elliott; d. in Manchester.

#### HARVELL.

1. JOHN HARVELL, b. in Litchfield in 1736; d. 6 April, 1821; m. Mrs. Rebekah (Parham) Walton 3 May, 1763. She was b. in Derryfield, now Manchester, in 1739; d. 8 September, 1804. They settled on Chestnut hill in 1763. Their children were—

2. *John*, b. 4 March, 1764.
3. *Rebekah*, b. 19 January, 1766; m. James McLaughlin 28 November, 1793.
4. *Esther*, b. 14 June, 1768; d. in July, 1851, aged 91.
5. *William*, b. 17 May, 1771; m. Sally Davis 13 February, 1794.
6. †*Joseph*, b. 5 March, 1774.
7. *Susannah*, b. 14 June, 1780; m. ——— Dennis; d. in Madison Me., 9 April, 1822.

6. CAPT. JOSEPH HARVELL, b. Saturday, 5 March, 1774; d. Saturday, 5 March, 1853; m. Nancy McKenney 12 July, 1804. She was b. in Bedford 15 December, 1782; d. 21 September, 1858. He was a farmer and resided on the farm now occupied by his son, Thomas M. Harvell, on Chestnut hill. Their children were—

8. *John*, b. 7 July, 1805; d. 8 April, 1806.
9. *Martha*, b. 19 September, 1807; d. 9 December, 1809.
10. †*Joseph K.*, b. 7 April, 1810.
11. *Benjamin*, b. 2 July, 1812; d. 17 June, 1816.
12. *Mary Jane*, b. 29 October, 1814; m. Rev. Benjamin Brierly 4 February, 1836; d. in Manchester 3 March, 1844.
13. *Rebekah M.*, b. 6 April, 1817; m. Isaac C. Cutler, of Bedford, 15 September, 1836; res. in Bedford.
14. †*Thomas M.*, b. 9 July, 1819.
15. *Nancy J.*, b. 20 July, 1821; d. 27 March, 1824.
16. *John W.*, b. 20 June, 1825; was a physician in San Francisco. Cal.; m. Phebe J. Ryan 2 October, 1857; d. 2 March, 1875.

10. JOSEPH K. HARVELL, b. 7 April, 1810; d. in Clifton, Monroe county, Wisconsin, 26 December, 1870; m. Ann Perry 24 April, 1834. They rem. to Peterborough, thence to Wisconsin. Their children were—

17. *Josephine*, b. 23 February, 1835; m. Joseph M. Sargent in April, 1855; res. in Clifton, Wis.
18. *Theodora*, b. 31 December, 1836; d. 16 July, 1848.
19. *Almira*, b. 29 April, 1838; d. in Peterborough 26 June, 1853.
20. *Ann O.*, b. 24 June, 1840; m. Edward Draper; d. in northern New York 9 November, 1864.
21. *Joseph F.*, b. in Peterborough 23 May, 1850; m. Emma Norton, of Clifton, Wis., where they now reside.

14. THOMAS MELENDY HARVELL, b. 9 July, 1819; m. Sarah M. Manning 9 December, 1843. She was b. in Bedford 23 June, 1818. He res. on the homestead on Chestnut hill which has been in the possession of the family nearly one hundred and twenty years. Their children are—

22. *Horace T.*, b. 27 May, 1845; m. Lucy A. Burns, of Bedford, 28 April, 1870; res. in New Boston.

23. †*Joseph M.*, b. 31 December, 1849.

24. *Sarah N.*, b. 24 February, 1853; m. James Reilly, of Burke, N. Y., 24 February, 1873; res. in Mont Vernon. Their children are—

1. *Mary E.*, b. 22 August, 1873.

2. *Thomas J.*, b. in 1875.

25. *Mary J.*, b. 14 October, 1858; m. Leslie S. Bidwell 4 December, 1879; res. in Goffstown.

26. *John H.*, b. 8 November, 1860.

23. JOSEPH MINOT HARVELL, b. 31 December, 1849; m. Eliza J. Blood, of New Boston, 31 December, 1873. One child—

27. *Sarah Alice*, b. 5 October, 1874.

#### HASELTINE.

1. JOHN HASELTINE, b. 19 November, 1780; d. 5 August, 1865; m. (1) Betsey Batchelder 25 December, 1805. She was b. 19 June, 1785; d. 20 April, 1842; m. (2) Mrs. Hannah Smith 25 February, 1845. She was b. in 1793; d. 10 March, 1877, aged 84. Their children were—

2. *Charles*, b. 25 March, 1806; d. 5 July, 1826.

3. *Eliza*, b. 16 February, 1808; m. Franklin Mears; resided in Goffstown and Peterborough; d. in Peterborough.

4. *John*, b. 14 December, 1812; m. Thankful Leach, of Goffstown, in May, 1841; res. in Melrose, Mass.

5. *Roxanna*, b. 22 April, 1817; m. Rev. James Adams; now res. in Candia.

6. *Frances*, b. 25 March, 1819; m. William Wason, of Boston, Mass., 30 September, 1847; d. at Quincy, Mass., 15 June, 1881.

7. *Mary A.*, b. 25 January, 1821; d. 25 September, 1824.



8. *Caroline*, b. 4 April, 1823; m. David Barnard 1 January, 1863; resided in New Boston; d. 5 January, 1881.

9. †*James G.*, b. 22 February, 1825.

9. JAMES G. HASELTINE, b. 22 February, 1825; m. Mary J. Hines in November, 1854. She was b. in March, 1822; res. on the Haseltine homestead on Chestnut hill. Their children are—

10. *Mary Frances*, b. 13 November, 1857.

11. *John Edward*, b. 9 April, 1859.

12. *Charles Frederick*, b. 13 May, 1861.

13. NATHANIEL HASELTINE, brother of John, m. Elizabeth Pike 20 May, 1815. He d. in July, 1819, aged about 40.

#### HASTINGS.

1. WILLIAM HASTINGS, d. 20 April, 1832, aged 78; m. Dorothy Dyke 31 August, 1785. She d. 14 November, 1827, aged 78. He was a soldier in Col. Peabody's regiment at Rhode Island, and lost a leg in consequence of a wound received from a cannon ball 29 August, 1778. He was allowed half pay by the state from 1 January, 1779, and afterward received a pension from the United States. Their children were—

2. *Ruth*, m. †Amos Greer, of Amherst; d. 22 April, 1847, aged 62.

3. *William*, b. in Nashua; m. Elizabeth McCalley.

4. †*Benjamin*, m. Abigail Lovett, of Mont Vernon.

5. *Dolly*, m. †Daniel Hartshorn.

4. BENJAMIN HASTINGS, b. 15 February, 1784; d. 9 October, 1870; m. Abigail Lovett 18 November, 1818. She was b. 18 August, 1795; d. 24 July, 1872. Their children were—

6. *Sarah L.*, b. 16 September, 1819; d. 12 September, 1831.

7. *Mary J.*, b. 9 February, 1821; m. Francis A. Newton 6 March, 1845; d. in Malbury, Mass., 20 May, 1865.

8. *Abby F.*, b. 7 September, 1822; m. Henry M. Rice 5 May, 1847; d. in Lowell, Mass., 4 April, 1859.

9. *Hannah*, b. 17 October, 1824; m. Henry Frost 1 November, 1845; res. in Boston, Mass.

10. *Benjamin F.*, b. 28 July, 1826; d. 9 April, 1828.

11. *Emeline*, b. 19 June, 1829; m. Jacob Wardner 1 January, 1849; res. in East Roxbury, Vt.

12. *Caroline*, b. 28 April, 1831; m. Lorenzo Carr 10 January, 1854; res. in Amherst.

13. *Charles H.*, b. 20 October, 1834; m. Caroline Kent 4 October, 1858.

14. *George W.*, b. 10 August, 1837; m. Susan M. Spear 31 March, 1862; d. in Hudson 8 June, 1873.

#### HAYDEN.

WILLARD HAYDEN, b. in Hollis 13 April, 1812; settled in Amherst in 1845; d. 21 March, 1881. He resided on the Duncklee place, near Hollis line; m. (1) Phebe S. Duncklee 24 April, 1845. She d. 9 May, 1851, aged 34; m. (2) Eunice Parker, of Danvers, 25 March, 1852. She d. 5 September, 1854, aged 38; m. (3) Esther M. Batchelder, of Merrimack 28 November, 1854. One child—

*Mary Salome*, b. in April, 1846; m. †Ira A. Batchelder 31 December, 1862.

THOMAS W. HAYDEN d. 21 September, 1849, aged 42.

*Mrs. Julia P. Hayden* d. 31 October, 1848, aged 34.

#### HAYNES.

GEORGE HAYNES, formerly of Barre, Mass., d. in July, 1807.

*George*, his only child, d. in July, 1807.

#### HEATH.

SIMEON HEATH, who resided on the "Moulton" place a few years, d. 4 July, 1861, aged 58.

*Lizzie Heath*, d. 15 July, 1861, aged 10 years.

## HENCHMAN.

1. DR. NATHANIEL HENCHMAN, of Lynn, Mass., m. Margaret Mansfield 19 March, 1750–51. He d. 30 May, 1767. She d. 21 July, 1777. Their children were—

2. † *Deborah*, b. 24 September, 1753; m. Rev. Jeremiah Barnard.
3. *Elizabeth*, b. 3 April, 1756; m. Joseph Turiel 7 November, 1775; d. 12 June, 1777.
4. *Anna*, b. 7 August, 1759.
5. † *Nathaniel*, b. 4 May, 1762.

5. DR. NATHANIEL HENCHMAN, b. in Lynn, Mass., 4 May, 1762; d. 27 May, 1800; settled in Amherst in 1783. By his wife, Anna, b. in 1757, and d. 27 November, 1836, he had—

6. *Anna*, b. 9 September, 1782; m. † Jeddiah K. Smith.
7. *Mary*, b. 5 September, 1784; d. 26 June, 1871; unmarried.
8. *Nathaniel*, b. 19 November, 1786; studied medicine; was a surgeon in the army in the war of 1812; d. in Woodville, Miss., 5 September, 1819; unmarried.
9. *Sarah*, b. 13 March, 1788; m. † Joseph George 12 March, 1820; d. 6 March, 1855.
10. *Betsy*, m. Charles Porter; d. in Manchester 9 February, 1860.

## HEYWOOD.

1. NATHANIEL HEYWOOD was prominent in the organization of the north-west parish. His will, dated 29 June, 1787, was presented for probate 26 April, 1790. In it he names his wife, Annie, and children—

2. *Sarah*: m. William Manning.
3. *Mary*: m. Timothy Manning.
4. *Nathaniel*.
5. *Abigail*.
6. *Huldah*: m. William Burnam.
7. *Joshua*, ordained and installed minister of Dunstable, Mass., 5 June, 1799; d. there 11 November, 1814, aged 51; graduated at Dartmouth College in 1795; m. Lydia French, of Boston, 27 January, 1800.
8. *William*.

## HERRICK.

I. HENRY HERRICK came to Salem, Mass., from Leicester, England, in the year 1629; m. Editha Laskin, of Salem, probably in 1638; settled in Salem, now Beverly, where he d. in 1671, aged 67 years. They were among the thirty who formed the first church in Salem, and on the formation of a new parish, in 1667, they, with their sons and sons' wives, assisted in forming the first church in what is now Beverly.

Henry Herrick was an husbandman in easy circumstances, a good and honest dissenter from the established church, and a friend of Higginson, who had been a dissenting minister at Leicester.

The regulations of the Puritan church seem, however, to have had but little weight with him and his wife when they came in conflict with their ideas of humanity, as they were at one time fined ten shillings and costs of court for aiding an excommunicated person contrary to order.

II. JOSEPH HERRICK, son of Henry and Editha, styled "Governor" on the probate court records, was baptized 1 August, 1645; d. 4 February, 1717-18; m. (1) Sarah Leach, of Salem, Mass., 7 February, 1663-67; she d. about 1674; m. (2) Mary Endicott, of Salem, who d. 14 September, 1706; m. (3) Mrs. Mary March, who survived him. They settled on Cherry hill, in Salem. He acquired a considerable estate, and was an influential man in the community.

He was a member of Capt. Gardner's company in the Narraganset expedition, and took part in the swamp fight 19 December, 1675. His son, Joseph, was one of the grantees of Narraganset No. 3, now Amherst. His son—

III. JOHN HERRICK, b. 25 January, 1670-71, d. in 1742; m. Anna Woodbury. She was b. in 1674; d. in 1769, aged 95. They settled in Wenham, Mass.

IV. JOSIAH HERRICK, son of John and Anna (Woodbury) Herrick, was b. in Wenham 6 February, 1704; d. 14 May, 1772; m. Joanna Dodge, of Beverly, Mass., 2 November, 1725. She d. 27 August, 1755. They also settled in Wenham. Their son—

V. 1. JOSIAH HERRICK, b. in Wenham 10 November, 1733, d. in Amherst in April, 1799. He m. Mary Low, of Ipswich, who d. in October, 1806, aged 71. They settled in Amherst about 1781. Their children were—

2. *Mary*, d. 6 April, 1836, aged 80; unmarried.

3. *Joanna*, d. in Milford; unmarried.

4. *Josiah*, m. (1) Esther Tarbell; m. (2) Fanny Howard 16 March, 1841. He settled in Antrim and d. there 8 April, 1853, leaving no children. He was a soldier in the war for independence.

5. *Lydia*, b. in April, 1765; m. John Cochran; res. in Amherst.

6. *William*, b. 19 January, 1767; m. Elizabeth Kilham; settled in Essex, Mass., and d. there.

7. *Betsy*, b. 7 May, 1769; m. †Joseph Coggin, jr.

8. *Daniel Low*, b. 4 December, 1771; m. Hannah Weston, of Amherst; resided in Merrimack and d. there.

9. †*Jonathan*, b. 22 January, 1774.

10. †*Joseph*, b. 3 November, 1775; m. Mary Cox, of Beverly, Mass., 18 April, 1805; d. in Antrim 18 January, 1833.

11. *Sarah*, b. 28 February, 1778; m. †Ebenezer Weston, of Amherst.

12. *Hannah*, b. in 1780; d. young.

VI. 9. JONATHAN HERRICK, b. in Wenham, Mass., 22 January, 1774; d. in Amherst 28 August, 1858; m. Deborah Colburn, of Dracut, Mass. She was b. 10 January, 1779; d. 18 October, 1860. They resided in Merrimack, Mont Vernon, and Amherst. He was one of the selectmen of Mont Vernon several years. Their children were—

13. *Mary C.*, b. 5 November, 1805; d. in Amherst 12 December, 1871; unmarried.

14. *Nancy*, b. 19 November, 1810; m. †Levi J. Secomb.

15. *Fanny*, b. 27 March, 1816; m. †Daniel F. Secomb.

16. *Jonathan*, b. 26 June, 1822; d. in Francestown 7 September, 1852; unmarried.

VI. 10. JOSEPH HERRICK, b. in Wenham 3 November, 1775; m. Mary Cox, of Beverly, Mass., 18 April, 1805. They settled in Beverly; rem. to Mont Vernon, and thence to Antrim, where they d. Their children were—

17. *Joseph*, b. in March, 1806.
18. *William Cox*, b. in May, 1808; m. Sally Russell 16 May, 1833.
19. *Sarah Batchelder*, b. 23 December, 1810.
20. †*Samuel D.*, b. 22 September, 1815.
21. *Josiah*, b. 27 September, 1818.

VII. 20. SAMUEL D. HERRICK, b. 22 September, 1815; m. Mary Elizabeth Abbott 12 December, 1841. She was b. 11 June, 1822. They settled in Beverly, but afterward rem. to Amherst where they now (1882) reside. Their children were—

22. *Infant*, b. and d. 20 August, 1845.
23. *Samuel Abbott*, b. 27 March, 1847; m. Ellen W. Palfrey 11 January, 1871; res. in Lowell, Mass.
24. *Frank Perkins*, b. 5 June, 1852; m. Ella A. Bishop 13 February, 1873; res. in Lowell, Mass.
25. *George William*, b. 3 August, 1855; m. Bessie H. Plaisted 13 January, 1881.
26. *Albert E.*, b. 24 September, 1862.

### HILDRETH.

I. 1. JACOB HILDRETH came to this country from England about 1720, and settled in Natacook, now Litchfield, prior to 1736, where he d. at some time subsequent to 1754. By his wife, Abigail, he had seven children—

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| 2. † <i>Jacob</i> .   | 6. <i>Lucy</i> .    |
| 3. † <i>Ephraim</i> . | 7. <i>John</i> .    |
| 4. † <i>William</i> . | 8. † <i>David</i> . |
| 5. <i>Abigail</i> .   |                     |

Of these, Jacob, Ephraim, and David, settled in Amherst, where Jacob and David d. Ephraim rem. from Amherst to Landgrove, Vt., and d. there.

II. 2. JACOB HILDRETH, b. in Litchfield 12 May, 1739; settled on Walnut hill, in Amherst, where he d. 13 September, 1815; m. Mary, daughter of Col. John Shepard, of Amherst. She was b. 2 September, 1749; d. 22 January, 1823. Their children were—

9. †Jonathan, b. 16 August, 1767.

10. Mary, b. 8 April, 1769; m. John Stephenson; d. in Lyndeborough 17 November, 1844.

11. Sally, b. 26 October, 1770; d. 1 June, 1796; unmarried.

12. Samuel, b. in 1773.

13. Jotham, b. in 1777; d. 8 December, 1850; resided and d. in Lyndeborough.

14. Jacob, b. 1 December, 1780.

III. 9. JONATHAN HILDRETH, b. 16 August, 1767; res. in Amherst where he was a noted music-teacher, and leader of the choir in the meeting-house many years; d. 5 July, 1816; m. Abigail Rust 7 June, 1795; she m. (2) Andrew Leavitt and d. 12 February, 1834, aged 66. Their children were—

15. Sally, b. 6 March, 1793; m. †William Roby.

16. Mary, b. 5 November, 1800; d. 5 April, 1814.

17. Abigail Rust, b. 11 January, 1804; m. Thomas P. Hills, of Hudson; is now residing in Nashua.

III. 12. SAMUEL HILDRETH, b. in 1773; m. Betsey Prince 7 October, 1802. She d. 25 December, 1869, aged 86. He d. 3 January, 1837. They settled in Amherst. Their children were—

18. Salinda, b. 1 January, 1801; m. †Francis Grater, jr.

19. Jotham, m. Abigail Converse in October, 1826; resided in Amherst and Nashua; d. at Nashua 10 October, 1868.

20. Abel, d. in New Boston 25 September, 1833, aged 22; unmarried.

III. 14. JACOB HILDRETH, JR., b. in Amherst 1 December, 1780; d. 26 February, 1850; m. Betsey Odell 15 May, 1807. She was b. 28 September, 1787; d. 27 August, 1850. They resided on the Hildreth homestead, on Walnut hill. Their children were—

21. *John Hartwell*, b. 7 October, 1803; unmarried; res. on the homestead.

22. *Eliza*, b. 17 February, 1810; m. (1) Mr. Whittemore; m. (2) Isaac Wheeler, 15 February, 1849.

23. *Jacob*, b. 1 February, 1815; d. young.

24. *Mary*, b. 20 August, 1816; m. Thomas B. Parker.

25. *Sarah*, b. June, 1820; d. 13 September, 1864; unmarried.

II. 3. **EPHRAIM HILDRETH** came to Amherst from Litchfield; m. (1) Elizabeth Ellenwood. She was b. 13 October, 1739; d. 27 May, 1784; m. (2) Elizabeth Williams 16 February, 1785. He kept a public house near the old meeting-house some years, the first kept in town; finally rem. to Landgrove, Vt., where he d. Their children were—

26. *Elizabeth*, b. 15 September, 1762.

27. *Ephraim*, b. 1 December, 1763.

28. *Sarah*, b. 6 June, 1765; m. (1) Phineas Jones 15 July, 1784; m. (2) James Smith; d. in Mont Vernon in November, 1830.

29. *Abigail*, b. 16 October, 1767; m. Enoch Pike 3 April, 1786.

30. *Jacob*, b. 22 September, 1769.

31. *Molly*, b. 12 January, 1772.

32. *Lucy*, b. 19 March, 1774; m. John Bowers 26 October, 1791.

33. *Serriffine*, b. 13 April, 1777.

34. *Esther*, b. 24 October, 1779.

35. *Martha*, b. 19 January, 1783.

36. *Frances*, b. 29 November, 1787.

8. **DAVID HILDRETH**, b. in Litchfield 17 July, 1748; d. in Amherst 25 March, 1831; m. Mary Bixby, of Amherst. She d. 4 November, 1836, aged 85 years. He was a soldier in the war for independence. Their children were—

37. *David*, d. young.

38. *Esther Bixby*, b. in December, 1779; m. Samuel Hildreth; d. in Pittston, N. Y., in July, 1851.

39. *Polly*, d. in Windsor, aged 17; unmarried.

40. *Susan*, m. John Hildreth; res. in Phelps, N. Y.

41. *Clifton Bixby*, b. 12 August, 1797; m. Eliza S. Fuller, of Boston, Mass.; resided in Boston, Concord, and Pembroke. She d. in Concord 1 August, 1876, aged 78 years and 8 months. He d. in Suncook village 6 February, 1881. He became connected with the Odd Fellows while



residing in Boston, and, at the time of his death, was the oldest member of the order in New Hampshire.

IV. JACOB HILDRETH, 2d, son of (13) Jotham Hildreth, of Lyndeborough, resided in Amherst a short time. He was a merchant and carried on business in the old "Read" store. He d. in May, 1849, aged 40. Sarah, his wife, d. 5 July, 1844, aged 23.

### HILL.

ARTHUR HILL, son of Harris Hill, m. Nellie, daughter of Capt. George Danforth. One child—

*George Arthur.*

*William Hill*, d. in September, 1803.

*Timothy Hill*, d. in September, 1803.

*Luella May*, daughter of Timothy Hill, d. 16 February, 1875, aged 5 months.

*Mrs. Mary Ella*, wife of Henry A. Hill, d. 18 April, 1876, aged 20.

*Daniel H.*, son of Samuel H. Hill, d. 29 December, 1878, aged 24.

### HILLS.

1. MOSES HILLS, b. in Nottingham West, now Hudson, 2 October, 1781; d. in Amherst 18 September, 1855; m. Sally Bills, of Nottingham West, 24 March, 1818. She was b. 2 November, 1789; d. 22 April, 1866. Their children were—

2. †*Franklin M.*, b. 5 August, 1819; m. Martha S. Parkhurst; d. in Nashua 26 April, 1875.

3. *Sally Jane*, b. 21 November, 1821; d. 7 July, 1842.

4. *Mary C.*, b. 9 September, 1825; m. Levi L. Belcher 24 January, 1852.

5. *Amos*, b. 3 May, 1830; d. 12 October, 1836.

2. FRANKLIN M. HILLS, b. 5 August, 1819; d. in Nashua 26 April, 1875; m. Martha S. Parkhurst, of Chelmsford, Mass., 26 December, 1844. Their children were—

6. *Eliza J.*, b. 6 November, 1847.

7. *Frederick E.*, b. 13 February, 1852.

## HOBBS.

HUMPHREY HOBBS, son of William and Sarah (Knight) Hobbs, was b. at Topsfield, Mass., 18 February, 1711-12; d. in 1756; m. Anna Symonds 27 July, 1737. She was b. 20 November, 1713; d. 9 September, 1791. He was one of the original members of the church in Souhegan West, to which he was dismissed from the church at Middleton, Mass., 6 September, 1741. Their children were—

*Anna*, b. 28 March, 1739; m. John Brown.

*Joseph*, b. 20 April, 1743.

*Susannah*, b. 1 September, 1745; m. Aaron Peabody 4 May, 1769; d. in Milford 7 August, 1827.

*Samuel*, b. 17 September, 1750; d. in 1781.

## HOBSON.

JEREMIAH HOBSON, b. at Buxton, Me., in 1750; d. at Deering in April, 1825. He was a grandson of John Hobson, who was in the Narraganset fort fight in 1675. He resided several years on the place afterward owned by Isaac Chickering. By his wife, Lucy, he had—

*Jeremiah*, b. 28 October, 1779.

*Jonathan*, b. 22 March, 1783; d. 16 July, 1784.

*Jonathan*, b. 7 November, 1785.

*Lucy*, b. 9 January, 1788.

## HODGMAN.

TIMOTHY HODGMAN, son of John Lee Hodgman, was b. in Townsend, Mass., 3 September, 1798; m. (1) Charlotte Wiloughby, of Hollis, 13 February, 1827. She was b. 28 May, 1802; d. in Jaffrey 19 May, 1858; m. (2) Sarah Lovejoy, of Hollis, 11 September, 1860. She was b. 11 May, 1794. He settled in Amherst in 1827; rem. to Jaffrey in 1854, thence to Hollis in 1864, where he is now residing. Their children, b. in Amherst, were—

*Charlotte*, b. 14 November, 1827; d. the same day.

*Charlotte Frances*, b. 22 September, 1828; m. Andrew J. Gilson 21 April, 1852.

*Henry A.*, b. 19 August, 1830; d. 2 January, 1835.

*Sarah Maria*, b. 20 July, 1833; m. David D. McKean, of Amherst, 24 June, 1869.

*Charles Henry*, b. 21 October, 1838; d. 26 October, 1860.

*Edward Lee*, b. 9 July, 1843; m. Almeda T. McKean 23 January, 1868.

JOHN P. HODGMAN, b. in Bedford 26 November, 1840; m. Esther S. Page 26 March, 1868. She was b. in Dunbarton 13 May, 1843; d. 14 September, 1879. They settled in Amherst in 1873. He enlisted in the 4th regiment N. H. Vols. in 1861 and served four years in the civil war. Their children were—

*George H.*, b. 3 June, 1839.

*John Q.*, b. 3 May, 1871.

*Edwin G.*, b. 18 September, 1872.

*Jesse M.*, b. 13 August, 1874.

*Gracie D.*, b. 21 May, 1876.

*Effie R.*, b. 18 October, 1877.

### HOGG.

WILLIAM HOGG resided in the easterly part of the town, near Babboosuck brook. He d. 30 May, 1801, aged 70. His wife, Agnes, d. 18 June, 1807. Some of their children exchanged the name Hogg for that of Tenant, of which one of them wrote that he was

“*Hogg* by name, and *hog* by nature,  
But *Tenant*, made by legislature.”

Their children were—

*Jcnet*, b. 13 December, 1753; d. 17 December, 1843, aged 90; unmarried.

*Margaret*, b. 19 January, 1756; m. Robert Milliken, of Wilton, 28 February, 1782.

*John*, b. 16 April, 1758.

*Robert*, b. 1 May, 1761; m. ——— Alcock, of Deering.

*Agnes*, b. 3 October, 1763.

*Moses*, b. 9 November, 1766; d. 25 December, 1836; name changed to Tenant.

*Martha*, b. 15 August, 1768; m. Samuel Albre 17 May, 1786.

*Mary*, b. 12 July, 1772; d. 3 June, 1776.

### HOLBROOK.

1. ELIJAH HOLBROOK served as a quartermaster in the Revolutionary war; rem. from Bellingham, Mass., to Alstead, about 1780; m. Abigail Wilson, of Coventry, Conn., 19 September, 1781. He d. in Alstead 19 May, 1808, aged 53, leaving nine children, three sons and six daughters. Their youngest son—

II. 1. STEPHEN HOLBROOK, b. 15 May, 1797, m. Lydia Brigham, of Alstead, 3 November, 1819; res. in Alstead until 1850, when they rem. to Manchester; thence they rem. to Amherst 1 April, 1854. He d. in consequence of injuries received from a run-away horse 24 April, 1854. His widow m. (2) David Fisk, of Amherst, in March, 1859. She d. 28 February, 1870. Their children were—

2. †*Francis Wilson*, b. 23 December, 1820; m. Olivia C. Howland.

3. *Louisa A.*, b. 3 March, 1823; d. 1 December, 1847; unmarried.

4. *Stephen H.*, b. 10 July, 1824; m. Louisa M. Smith, of Rutland, Vt. He d. in Amherst 30 June, 1858.

5. *Samuel B.*, b. 25 September, 1830; d. 14 October, 1844.

6. *Ellen M.*, b. 23 August, 1842; m. †William Peaslee 1 December, 1869.

III. 2. FRANCIS WILSON HOLBROOK, b. in Alstead 23 December, 1820; m. Olivia C. Howland, of Franconia, 22 September, 1846. They settled on the Isaac Wheeler farm in Amherst in April, 1854. Their children were—

7. *Charles R.*, b. 28 October, 1847; m. (1) Eveline M. Atwood, of Francestown, 15 May, 1872; she d. 25 August, 1876. He m. (2) *Mary W. Howlett*, of Manchester, 30 April, 1878.

8. *Louisa A.*, b. 11 May, 1849; d. 24 September, 1849.

9. *Mary O.*, b. 23 August, 1850; m. George A. Buzzell, of Concord, 29 January, 1874; res. in Concord.

10. *Frank A.*, b. 30 January, 1853; m. *Marcia E. Davis*, of New Ipswich, 5 October, 1876.

11. *George E.*, b. 12 November, 1854; res. with his parents.

12. *Jennie M.*, b. 28 December, 1860; m. *Ola Anderson* 21 December, 1881; res. in Concord.

### HOLDEN.

NATHAN T. HOLDEN d. in March, 1834, aged 35.

### HOLLIS.

BENJAMIN HOLLIS, formerly of Braintree, Mass., d. 1 March, 1874, aged 72.

HENRY HOLLIS, of Charlestown, Mass., m. *Sarah E. Lovejoy*, daughter of *Isaac Lovejoy*, 7 May, 1761.

### HOLMES.

I. ABRAHAM HOLMES, with his wife and children, came from Ireland, and joined the settlement at Londonderry in 1719. He was an elder in the church, and d. in 1753, aged 70 years.

II. JOHN HOLMES, his son, who was about ten years old at the time of coming to this country, settled in Londonderry. He was also an elder in the church.

III. ABRAHAM, son of John Holmes; b. in Londonderry 18 May, 1738; settled in Peterborough about 1765, where he d. 18 November, 1815. He m. *Elizabeth Russell* 11 October, 1764. She was b. 16 June, 1743; d. 5 August, 1827. Their son—

IV. DAVID HOLMES, b. in Peterborough 29 March, 1778; settled in Amherst prior to 1801, where he was an active business man for thirty years. He rem. to Lowell, Mass., thence to Bath, Me., where he d. 1 November, 1867; m. (1) *Elizabeth White* 12 October, 1800. She d. in Bath 16

March, 1846, aged 65; m. (2) Sophia Sawyer 22 December, 1846. Their children were—

1. *Stephen R.*, b. 22 February, 1801; graduated at Harvard College in 1822. He was professor of Spanish at St. Mary's College, Baltimore, Md.; d. at sea 11 January, 1830.

2. *Asahel C.*, b. 12 April, 1803; d. of yellow fever at New Orleans in September, 1842.

3. *David*, b. 18 October, 1805; d. in Georgia.

4. *Elizabeth*, b. 18 August, 1808; m. Benjamin F. Aiken 9 August, 1831; d. 12 October, 1856.

5. *Mary S.*, b. 3 June, 1811; d. in Bath, Me., 6 December, 1862.

6. *Charles W.*, b. 27 June, 1816; m. Sarah J. Harding.

7. *Charlotte W.*, b. 21 November, 1823; m. Jacob S. Sewall, of Bath, Maine.

JACOB HOLMES, brother of (1) David, was b. in Peterborough 9 September, 1787; resided in Amherst some years, and d. here 22 July, 1814.

JONATHAN HOLMES, for some time a resident in Amherst, m. Annis Cavender, of Greenfield, 22 December, 1814. She d. at Prairie Du Sac, Wisconsin, 1 November, 1861, aged 72 years.

### HOLT.

I. NICHOLAS HOLT arrived at Boston, Mass., in the ship *James of London*, from Southampton, 3 June, 1635. He settled first at Newbury, Mass., but, in 1644, rem. to Andover, Mass., where he d. 30 January, 1685, aged 83 years.

II. SAMUEL, son of Nicholas and Elizabeth Holt, was b. in Newbury 6 October, 1641; d. in Andover 7 November, 1703. Sarah, his wife, d. in Andover 3 April, 1716, aged 70.

III. SAMUEL, son of Samuel and Sarah Holt, was b. in Andover 3 August, 1670; m. Haannah Farnum 28 March, 1698. He d. 20 July, 1747. She d. 30 January, 1758, aged 91 years.

IV. 1. EBENEZER, son of Samuel and Hannah (Farnum) Holt, was b. in Andover 8 April, 1705; m. *Mehitable Stevens* 4 December, 1729. About 1750 they rem. to Amherst, now Mont Vernon, where she d. in May, 1805, aged 97. Their children, all b. in Andover, were—

2. †*Ebenezer*, b. 7 September, 1730; m. *Lydia Peabody* 15 February, 1753; d. in Mont Vernon in April, 1805.

3. *Mehitable*, b. 8 September, 1733; m. *James Holt* 2 January, 1755. She d. 4 March, 1767.

4. *Mary*, } b. 15 June, 1737; m. †*Darius Abbot*.

5. *Priscilla*, }

6. *Rachel*, } b. 7 July, 1741; d. 14 July, 1747.

7. †*Ezekiel*, }

8. †*Reuben*, b. 27 June, 1744.

9. *Hepsibah*, b. 13 June, 1747; m. †*William Hartshorn*.

10. *Hannah*, b. 27 October, 1749.

2. EBENEZER HOLT, JR., b. 7 September, 1730; m. *Lydia Peabody* 15 February, 1753. She was b. 5 July, 1731. They settled on the farm now occupied by J. O. Robinson, in Mont Vernon, where he d. in April, 1805. Their children were—

11. *Rebecca*, b. 7 September, 1752; m. *Jonathan Lamson*.

12. *Sarah*, b. in 1757; m. *Moses Peabody* 25 May, 1786; d. in Mont Vernon 25 May, 1815.

7. EZEKIEL HOLT, b. in Andover, Mass., 7 July, 1741; m. *Mary Stewart*. She was b. 2 September, 1749. They settled in Amherst. Their children were—

13. *Elizabeth*, b. 8 July, 1773.

14. *Mary*, b. 11 December, 1775.

15. *Sarah*, b. 10 September, 1780.

16. *Ezekiel*, b. 19 August, 1782.

17. *David*, b. 27 February, 1792.

8. REUBEN HOLT, b. 27 June, 1744; d. in Landgrove, Vt., 2 March, 1836, aged 91; m. *Lydia Small* 6 February, 1772. She d. 9 March, 1795, aged 50. They resided in Amherst several years. After her death he rem. to Landgrove, of

which place he was one of the first settlers. Their children were—

18. *Sarah*, b. 19 November, 1772.

19. *Reuben*, b. 17 February, 1775; resided in Landgrove, Vt.; d. 25 November, 1836.

20. *Rachel*, b. 2 September, 1776; m. Timothy Holt, jr., 30 August, 1797.

21. *Ebenezer*, b. 2 July, 1778.

22. *Lydia*, b. 19 April, 1781.

23. *William*, b. 15 May, 1783.

ISAAC HOLT, b. in Andover, Mass., 30 March, 1729, d. in Amherst in 1780; m. Mary Marble, of Danvers, 26 December, 1757. They settled in Amherst about 1765. Their children were—

*Obadiah*, b. 23 March, 1758; m. Susannah Jones 5 May, 1784; d. in Clinton, Me., 9 June, 1815. She d. 18 April, 1855.

*Mary*, b. 14 February, 1760; d. 26 February, 1780.

*Hannah*, b. 2 May, 1761; m. Ebenezer Clark 17 August, 1786; resided in Sharon, Vt.

*Nancy*, b. in 1763; m. Daniel Farnsworth.

*Isaac*, b. 19 August, 1765; a soldier in a company that went to the western frontier at the time of the Indian wars in Ohio, from whence he never returned.

*Daniel*, b. in Amherst 5 February, 1767; m. Martha Towne in 1792; resided in various places in Massachusetts, New Hampshire, and Vermont; d. at Wells River, Vt., 18 June, 1854.

*Mehitable*, b. 19 January, 1769; d. 31 October, 1770.

*Joseph*, b. 3 March, 1771; m. Elizabeth Beard 20 November, 1794; d. 27 April, 1860. She was b. 23 May, 1770; d. 24 October, 1859. They settled in Reading, Mass.

*Samuel*, b. 16 August, 1774; m. Phebe Richardson. She d. 31 March, 1847, aged 72.

*Abiel*.

*Noah*.

*Mary*.

OBADIAH HOLT, b. in Amherst 23 March, 1758; m. Susannah, daughter of Joshua Jones, 5 May, 1784. They resided in Amherst until some time in the year 1803; after that, in



Clinton, Me., where he d. 9 June, 1815. She d. 18 April, 1855. Their children were—

*Hannah*, m. Jacob Eames in 1803; d. in Clinton in March, 1837.

*Jonathan*, m. Lydia Hopkins 6 September, 1816; resided in Milford until 1820; afterward in Clinton.

*Susannah*, m. Nathan Bracket; res. in Clinton.

*Isaac*, b. 6 March, 1791; m. Sophia Emery in 1813; m. (2) Lydia Hopkins in May, 1829; res. in Clinton.

*Martha*, m. William Ames; res. in Clinton.

*Mary*, m. Jacob Ames.

*Obadiah*, b. 27 September, 1795; d. young.

*Abial*, b. 18 March, 1798; m. Martha Noble; res. in Clinton.

*Obadiah*, b. 7 May, 1800; m. (1) Elizabeth Goodwin; m. (2) Mary Dearborn; m. (3) Caroline (Dearborn) Hobbs; res. in Clinton.

*Abner*, b. 3 March, 1803; m. Abigail Brown; m. (2) Mrs. Atwood; res. in Sangerfield, Me.

*Achsa*, b. 3 March, 1803; m. George Goodwin; res. in Clinton.

*Daniel*, b. in Clinton 4 November, 1804; m. Huldah Nason, of Canaan, Me.

*Jonas*, b. in Clinton 11 December, 1808; m. Elsie Eldridge. He d. in Ellsworth, Me., in March, 1860.

NEHEMIAH HOLT was b. in Temple 28 January, 1779; m. Rhoda ———. She d. in Amherst 6 February, 1835, aged 53. He resided in Amherst a few years, but returned to Temple and d. there in April, 1849, aged 71. Their children (b. in Temple) were—

*Eli*, d. young.

*Timothy*, d. young.

*Nehemiah*, res. in Lowell, Mass.

*Caroline*.

*Joseph*, d. young.

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*Mrs. Hannah Holt* d. in October, 1833, aged 82.

*Thomas Holt* d. in July, 1807.

*Daniel Holt*, formerly of Amherst, d. in Milford 3 March, 1849, aged 49 years.

*Harriet*, daughter of Daniel Holt, d. 22 February, 1841, aged 19.

*Theresa*, daughter of Edwin M. Holt, d. 21 July, 1848, aged 12 years.

*Addie M.*, only surviving daughter of Edwin M. Holt, d. 30 July, 1873, aged 28 years and 11 months.

*George*, son of Israel H. Holt, d. 4 October, 1877.

## HOPKINS.

1. BENJAMIN HOPKINS, b. in Billerica, Mass., 23 May, 1701, was known as Governor Hopkins. He settled on the Charlestown school farm at an early date; d. 11 June, 1787, aged 86. His wife, Hannah, d. 30 July, 1792, aged 93. Their remains are buried in the old cemetery in Amherst. Their children, named in his will, presented for probate 21 August, 1787, were—

2. *Hannah*, b. 29 April, 1724; m. Jonathan Jones, of Wilmington, Mass.

3. *Benjamin*, b. 10 February, 1726–27.

4. *Deborah*, b. 24 April, 1729; m. Caleb Jones.

5. *William*, b. 11 May, 1731.

6. †*Ebenezer*, b. 12 February, 1732–33.

7. *Lucy*, b. 16 April, 1735; m. Ebenezer Swinnerton, of Lynn, Mass.

8. *Lydia*, b. 16 April, 1737; m. Israel Towne, jr., of Amherst; d. in Stoddard in 1826.

9. *Abigail*, b. 5 December, 1739; m. Gardner Towne, of Amherst.

Children of (3) EBENEZER HOPKINS, among whom his property was divided 18 December, 1789—

10. *Solomon*.

13. *John*.

11. *William*.

14. *George*.

12. *Olive*, m. Isaac Blanchard.

JAMES HOPKINS m. Martha ———; their child—

*Sarah*, was b. 7 December, 1769.

JAMES HOPKINS m. Mary Taylor, of Hollis, in December, 1778. Their children were—

*James*, b. 10 June, 1781.

*Molly*, b. 15 March, 1783; d. in February, 1803.

## HOSEA.

CAPT. ROBERT HOSEA, formerly of Plymouth, Mass., was one of the early settlers on Chestnut hill. He d. in Bedford in March, 1821, aged 86. His children were—

*Mary*, b. in Plymouth, Mass., 30 April, 1764; m. Benjamin Damon 15 February, 1783; d. in Amherst 31 July, 1840.

*Sally*, m. William Wakefield 17 November, 1786.

*Lydia*, m. James Nichols 10 September, 1793.

*Betsey*, m. James Weston 7 April, 1794.

MISS MERCY HOSEA, sister of Capt. Robert, d. 3 August, 1838, aged 95; a school teacher in Amherst in "ye olden time."

## HOW.

*Hannah*, child of Stephen and Hannah How, b. 21 November, 1772.

## HOWARD.

1. JOSIAH HOWARD, b. in Ipswich, Mass., 3 January, 1758; d. in Amherst 6 February, 1833; m. Mary Stanley in 1785. She was b. in Beverly, Mass., 25 November, 1769; d. in April, 1855. Their children were—

2. *Betsey*, b. 18 October, 1785; m. †George Prince.

3. †*Henry*, b. 24 April, 1788.

4. *Josiah*, b. 29 August, 1791; resided in New York, Indiana, and Iowa; d. in Monticello, Iowa, 28 December, 1870.

5. *Jonathan*, b. 14 August, 1793.

6. *Sally*, b. 11 August, 1795; d. in March, 1815.

7. *Herbert*, b. in 1798; d. in May, 1835.

8. *Asenuth*, b. 11 September, 1800; m. Eliab Wilkins; resided in Vermont and d. there.

9. *David*, b. 1 April, 1803; d. 8 August, 1818.

10. †*Levi*, b. 24 April, 1805.

11. *Mary Jane*, b. 25 November, 1808; m. †Isaac P. Weston.

12. *Almira*, b. 18 August, 1811; m. †Jeremiah Upton.

II. 3. HENRY HOWARD, son of Josiah and Mary (Stanley) Howard, was b. 24 April, 1788; d. 15 April, 1871; m. Polly Odell in 1809. She was b. 13 October, 1789; d. 6 November, 1875. Their children were—

13. *George*, b. 1 March, 1810; m. Sarah Reed in July, 1837; d. in Amherst 6 November, 1842.

14. *Henry*, b. 18 January, 1812; m. Mary Converse 16 November, 1837; rem. to Boston, Mass., in 1838.

15. *Mary*, b. 3 November, 1818; d. 3 March, 1814.
16. *Herbert*, b. 9 January, 1815.
17. *Rodney*, b. 20 March, 1817; m. Nancy Jane Parker 14 November, 1850.
18. *Mary Jane*, b. 10 April, 1819; m. Hiram Batchelder 15 November, 1842; d. in Nashua 25 May, 1857.
19. *Calvin*, b. 30 May, 1821; m. Mary Paisey 31 December, 1853; d. in North Chelmsford, Mass., 21 March, 1870.
20. *Abigail*, b. 21 August, 1823; m. Samuel Towne 2 August, 1843.
21. *Muriak*, b. 21 July, 1826; m. Charles Wilkins in October, 1848.
22. *Susannah*, b. 19 May, 1829; m. Burleigh Woodward 14 December, 1853.
23. *Edward*, b. 4 November, 1831; d. 24 December, 1833.
24. *Edward S.*, b. 20 March, 1835; d. 24 May, 1853.

II. 10. LEVI HOWARD, son of Josiah, b. 24 April, 1805; m. Hannah Going 25 December, 1835. She was b. 22 December, 1800; d. 26 June, 1865. Their children were—

25. *Mary Ann*, b. 6 October, 1836; m. Daniel Gardner; d. 17 April, 1868.
26. *Sally*, b. 19 September, 1837; d. in Bedford 26 December, 1852.
27. *Lizzie H.*, b. 27 August, 1839; m. (1) Henry Symonds, of Fitchburg, Mass.; m. (2) George Hawkins, of Lunenburg, Mass.
28. *Angie M.*, b. 17 August, 1841; d. 29 October, 1871.
29. *George W.*, b. 16 March, 1843; d. 15 September, 1862.

30. WILLIAM HOWARD settled in Souhegan West as early as 1747. His wife, Lucy, was granted £18 from his estate, 17 December, 1793, from which we infer that he d. shortly before that time. Of their children—

31. *Abigail*; m. William Read 26 June, 1791; d. in Nashua 15 June, 1852, aged 81.
32. †*Jonathan*; m. Joanna Rust.

32. JONATHAN HOWARD m. Joanna Rust. He was a merchant in Boston. Their children were—

33. *William*; killed by a fall in the State House at Boston.
34. *Robert*; drowned at Nahant in June, 1832.
35. *Joanna*.
36. *Mary Ann*.
37. *Caroline*.
38. *Ellen*.

## HUBBARD.

1. AMOS HUBBARD, b. in Groton, Mass., 13 December, 1784, d. 30 January, 1858; m. Mary Walton, daughter of William Hartshorn, 14 October, 1811. She was b. 26 March, 1785; d. 20 July, 1868. They settled in Amherst about 1812. Their children were—

2. *Amos*, b. 17 May, 1818; m. Nancy King; went to Illinois in 1837; d. in Ashton, Lee county, Ill., 25 February, 1880.

3. *Eliza*, b. 24 December, 1814; d. 6 February, 1835; unmarried.

4. *Mary Frances*, b. 26 October, 1816; m. †Henry Sanderson.

5. *Nancy*, b. 8 November, 1818; d. 4 March, 1847; unmarried.

6. †*William II.*, b. 9 November, 1818.

7. *Lucy M.*, b. 2 February, 1821; m. †Calvin Dodge.

8. *Sarah T.*, b. 25 February, 1823; res. in Manchester; unmarried.

6. WILLIAM H. HUBBARD, b. 9 November, 1818; m. Betsey H. Russell, of Marlborough, Mass., 29 November, 1849. They res. on the place formerly owned by his father and grand-father, on which he has made many improvements. Their adopted child—

9. †*Eugene C.*, was b. in Boston 19 July, 1857.

9. EUGENE C. HUBBARD, b. in Boston 19 July, 1857; m. Addie F. Noyes 19 March, 1878. She was b. 3 July, 1859; one child—

10. *Fred William*, b. 17 January, 1880.

## HUTCHINSON.

1. NATHAN HUTCHINSON was b. in Salem village (now Danvers), Mass.; baptized 10 February, 1717; rem. to Bedford in 1734, thence to Amherst; d. 12 January, 1795; m. Rachel Stearns, of Billerica, Mass. She was b. 6 June, 1720. Their children were—

2. *Samuel*, b. in Souhegan West in 1749; m. Mary Wilkins; rem. to Wilton.

3. †*Nathan*, b. in February, 1752.

4. †*Benjamin*, b. 9 June, 1754.

5. *Ebenezer*, b. 10 September, 1756; m. *Phebe Sawtell* 3 February, 1780; settled in East Wilton; d. 31 January, 1831.

6. †*Bartholomew*, b. in 1758.

7. *Rachel*, b. 19 May, 1766; m. *Daniel Johnson*; d. 12 September, 1842.

3. **NATHAN HUTCHINSON**, b. in Souhegan West in February, 1752; d. in Milford 26 December, 1831; m. *Rebecca*, daughter of *William* and *Rebecca Peabody*, in 1778. She was b. 2 January, 1752; d. 25 February, 1826. Their children were—

8. *Nathan*, b. 25 April, 1779; m. *Lydia Jones* 26 April, 1807; d. in Boston, Mass., 12 September, 1823.

9. *Rebecca S.*, b. in October, 1781; m. *Nehemiah Hayward*; d. in Maryland 9 September, 1850.

10. *Reuben*, b. 9 September, 1782; m. *Lucy Hutchinson* 7 June, 1804; d. in Milford 25 August, 1861.

11. *Ira*, b. in 1785; d. 5 January, 1833.

12. *Olive*, b. in 1789; m. *John Wallace, jr.*, in 1809; d. 16 April, 1828.

13. *Jonas*, b. 2 June, 1792; m. *Nancy Wallace* 5 June, 1815; d. 13 September, 1857.

14. *Abel*, b. 8 August, 1795; m. *Betsey Bartlett* 22 January, 1816; d. 19 February, 1846.

4. **BENJAMIN HUTCHINSON**, b. in Souhegan West 9 June, 1754; d. in Milford 12 September, 1832; m. *Susannah*, daughter of *William* and *Rebecca Peabody*. She was b. 4 November, 1755; d. 23 August, 1834. Their children were—

15. *Benjamin*, b. 5 August, 1777; m. *Azubah Tarbell*, of *Mason*, in November, 1803; d. in Milford 14 October, 1857.

16. *Sarah*, b. 16 March, 1779; d. 9 November, 1865.

17. *Susannah*, b. 20 April, 1781; d. 2 August, 1783.

18. *Luther*, b. 2 May, 1783; m. (1) *Sarah Mear* 2 May, 1809. She d. 6 January, 1857; m. (2) *Mrs. Betsey (Tay) Crosby* 12 November, 1857.

19. *Eugene*, b. 11 March, 1785; m. *Susan Danforth* in 1812; d. in Milford 7 February, 1854.

20. *Calliope*, b. 7 April, 1787; d. 25 September, 1848.

6. BARTHOLOMEW HUTCHINSON, b. in 1758; d. in Milford 23 September, 1841; m. Phebe Haggett, of Andover, Mass., 14 October, 1784. She was b. in May, 1767; d. 27 August, 1849. Their children were—

21. *Jacob*, b. 5 February, 1785; m. (1) Elizabeth Burnham. She d. 18 January, 1839; m. (2) Esther Whitney in June, 1839. He d. 23 March, 1859.

22. *Lucy*, b. 20 December, 1786; m. Reuben Hutchinson 7 June, 1804. She d. 15 July, 1858.

23. *Alfred*, b. 27 August, 1789; m. Lydia Foster 8 May, 1810.

24. *Acachy*, b. 6 November, 1790; m. Jonathan Buxton in March, 1808; d. 20 October, 1852.

25. *Minerva*, b. 31 January, 1792; m. Samuel Henry in 1808; d. 14 June, 1831.

26. *Nancy*, b. 19 May, 1794; m. Luther Jones, of Milford, in 1820; d. 11 October, 1821.

27. *Augustus*, b. 25 July, 1796; d. in 1800.

28. *Rhoda*, b. 2 July, 1798; d. 20 March, 1822.

29. *Aloah*, b. 25 January, 1800; d. 6 July, 1826.

30. *Myra*, b. 24 December, 1801; m. William Darracott, jr., 19 October, 1823; d. 3 December, 1837.

31. *Eliza*, b. 4 October, 1803; m. Holland Hopkins 3 February, 1823.

32. *Augustus*, b. 5 August, 1805; m. Adelaide Smith in June, 1836; d. in March, 1836.

33. *Albert S.*, b. 8 December, 1807; d. 20 August, 1831.

34. SOLOMON HUTCHINSON, the first town-clerk of Amherst, resided on the spot where Mrs. Daniel Hartshorn now lives. After his house was burnt he probably rem. to Pond parish, thence to Fayette, Me., where he d. about 1815. He m. Hannah Putnam, of Danvers, Mass., 22 October, 1746. She was b. in 1726; d. in 1802. They settled in Amherst a few years before its incorporation. Their children were—

35. *Hannah*, b. in Danvers in 1748; m. †Moses Barron.

36. *Solomon*, b. 10 November, 1750; m. Susan Riddle, of Bedford; d. in Fayette, Me., about 1821. She d. 5 November, 1841, aged 82.

37. *Ebenezer*, b. 22 March, 1753; m. ——— Littlefield; rem. to Maine, thence to Ohio; d. about 1828.

38. *Asa*, b. in Amherst 17 November, 1759; m. Eunice Davis 4 August, 1785; d. at Fayette 30 March, 1855, aged 95.

39. *Mehitable*, b. in 1760; m. ——— Cram; d. at Hillsborough in 1799.

40. ELISHA HUTCHINSON, a Revolutionary soldier, was b. at Middleton, Mass., 6 December, 1751; d. at Milford 12 October, 1800; m. Sarah Buxton 10 November, 1772. She was b. at Middleton in 1751; d. in February, 1828. They settled in Amherst in 1779. It is related that, after Mr. Hutchinson settled in Amherst, a large moose one day made its appearance on his clearing. Hutchinson and his neighbors pursued the animal which bounded through the woods with great speed. It was at last shot, and its meat divided among its captors. Their children were—

41. *Andrew*, b. 1 February, 1775; m. Martha Rayment, of Hamilton, Mass.; d. at Milford 22 October, 1802.

42. *Jesse*, b. in Middleton 3 February, 1778; m. Polly Leavitt 7 August, 1800; d. in Milford 16 February, 1851. They were the parents of the "Hutchinson Family" of singers, of the "Tribe of Jesse."

43. *Sarah*; m. William Marvell.

44. JAMES HUTCHINSON, JR., son of James, who was mortally wounded on Bunker Hill, 18 June, 1775, was b. in Amherst 28 April, 1772; m. (1) Ruth Stiles 4 July, 1797; m. (2) Anna Spalding 23 September, 1824; settled in Wilton.

45. ASA HUTCHINSON, b. 17 November, 1759; d. in Fayette, Me., 27 June, 1848; m. Eunice Davis 4 August, 1785. She was b. 18 May, 1763; d. in Fayette 30 March, 1855. They rem. to Fayette in February, 1799. Their children were—

46. *Eunice*, b. 16 October, 1785; m. Daniel W. Whittier 2 April, 1803; resided in South Chesterfield, Me.

47. *Mary*, b. 13 November, 1786; d. in Winthrop, Me., in April, 1839.

48. *Asa*, b. 8 July, 1788; m. (1) Betsey Woodman 27 February, 1816. She d. 23 October, 1833; m. (2) Hannah B. Tewksbury; resided in Fayette.



49. *Hittie*, b. 16 October, 1789; m. John Hankerson, of Madrid, Me., in 1810.

50. *Daniel*, b. 17 December, 1791; m. Achsah Higgins; d. in October, 1833.

51. *Luther*, d. in Fayette in December, 1815.

52. *Joseph*, b. 12 August, 1794; m. Sarah Waugh in 1814; resided in Fayette.

53. *Sarah*, b. in Fayette 16 July, 1800; m. Comfort Smith 25 November, 1828; resided in Troy, Me.

54. *Fanny*, b. 29 May, 1803; d. the same year.

55. *Hiram*, b. 20 May, 1806; m. Abigail B. Chandler 18 March, 1829; resided in Burnham, Me.

56. ABNER HUTCHINSON, b. in Salem village; baptized 6 September, 1724; d. 12 September, 1796; m. Elizabeth Phelps. She d. in October, 1801, aged 71. Their children were—

57. *Jonathan*, b. 5 March, 1761; d. 27 January, 1788.

58. *Elizabeth*, b. 25 July, 1765; m. Isaac Bartlett, of Amherst, in 1791; d. 4 February, 1846.

## JAQUITH.

ISAAC JAQUITH d. in Amherst 2 October, 1789, aged 47.

PRUDENCE, widow of Isaac Jaquith, d. 8 May, 1832, aged 84.

ASA JAQUITH, son of Isaac and Prudence Jaquith, was b. in December, 1792; d. 19 May, 1871; m. Mary J. Noyes 16 September, 1822. She was b. in November, 1806; d. 12 January, 1862. They resided for some years in the easterly part of Mont Vernon, afterward in the southerly part of Amherst. Their children were—

*Asa*, b. 23 August, 1823; a merchant in Nashua; unmarried.

*Ebenezer*, b. 4 April, 1825; m. Ellen J. Underwood 26 December, 1851; d. in Nashua 6 May, 1870.

*Mary Ann*, b. 26 October, 1826; m. Calvin B. Dascomb 6 April, 1854; d. in Wilton 17 July, 1856.

*Almira*, b. 10 April, 1833; unmarried.

*Emeline*, b. 4 September, 1834; d. 2 October, 1854.

## JENKINS.

1. MICAH JENKINS, b. in Andover, Mass.; m. Betsey Mooar, of Milford, in 1810. She was b. 25 January, 1790; d. in 1825. They settled on the farm now occupied by Henry Sanderson, in the easterly part of Mont Vernon. Their children were—

2. *Osmore*, b. 3 December, 1815; watchmaker; resided in Plymouth and Boston, Mass.

3. *Deborah*, b. 13 April, 1819; m. Jotham Clark; res. in Granby, Mass.

4. *Luther*, b. 27 August, 1822; m. (1) — Putnam, of Reading, Mass.; m. (2) — Putnam; res. in Reading.

## JEWETT.

1. JOSEPH JEWETT, d. 4 May, 1792, aged 49. Phebe, his widow, d. 20 May, 1832, aged 88. Their children were—

2. *Joseph*, b. 10 May, 1764.

3. *Mary*, b. 16 May, 1768; m. William Douglas 17 June, 1790.

4. †*Josiah*, b. in 1770.

5. *Jeremiah*, b. 24 June, 1773; m. Eliza Truel 28 January, 1796.

6. *Jesse*, b. 3 June, 1775.

7. *John*, b. 10 July, 1779.

8. *Joshua*, b. 14 August, 1782; d. at Benton, Me., 8 March, 1862.

4. JOSIAH JEWETT, b. in 1770; d. in Milford 21 April, 1853; m. Rebecca Woods 1 November, 1796. She was b. in 1769; d. 17 April, 1842. They settled in Pond parish. After the death of his wife, Mr. Jewett rem. to Milford. Their children were—

9. *Josiah*, b. 1 September, 1797; d. in Chester, Clinton county, O., 22 May, 1827.

10. *Rebecca*, b. 19 April, 1793; m. Alpheus Nutting; d. in Hollis 7 November, 1840.

11. *Susannah*, b. 27 March, 1801; m. Ephraim L. Hardy, of Hollis, in May, 1828.

12. *Fanny*, b. 22 February, 1803; m. Richard Patch in January, 1825; d. in Hollis in December, 1825.

13. *Robert*, b. in December, 1801; d. in Milford 16 November, 1865.
14. *Nathan*, b. 30 October, 1806.
15. *Parker*, b. 28 September, 1809.
16. *Leonard*, b. 27 March, 1812; d. 13 April, 1822.
17. *Joshua*, b. 22 August, 1814; d. in Milford in May, 1849.

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*Abigail Jewett*, wife of *Nathan*, d. in August, 1831, aged 26.

*David Jewett* d. 13 March, 1820, aged 32.

*John Jewett* d. 3 July, 1837, aged 34.

*Joshua Jewett* d. in January, 1814.

*Susan*, widow of *John Jewett*, d. 22 June, 1866, aged 71.

### JOHNSON.

JOSEPH F. JOHNSON, of Milford, and Ann Mary Kidder, m. in Hollis 14 June, 1857. He was a member of the eighth regiment, N. H. Vols., and d. at Ship Island, Miss., 27 May, 1862. She was b. in Mont Vernon 28 April, 1827, and now res. in Amherst. Their children were—

*Nellie Ann*, b. 16 October, 1858.

*Charles*, b. 27 November, 1831.

JOHN JOHNSON and Mehitable Clark were m. 24 October, 1816. She d. in June, 1818, aged 29.

### JONES.

NATHAN JONES and Elizabeth Coburn were m. in Dracut, Mass., in October, 1743. She was a daughter of Josiah and Sarah Coburn, and was b. 24 June, 1724. They rem. to Amherst, now Mont Vernon, about 1760, where he d. in September, 1799. Their children were—

1. *Elizabeth*, b. 10 February, 1744; m. Matthew Parker, of Litchfield, in June, 1763. Among their descendants were James U. and Nathan Parker, of Manchester.

2. *Thomas*, b. 20 March, 1746.

3. † *Nathan*, b. 25 February, 1748.

4. *Rachel*, b. 25 September, 1750; m. Samuel Durant, of Nottingham West, 2 January, 1772; d. in 1786.

5. *Peter*, b. 1 March, 1753; d. young.

6. † *Timothy*, b. 27 July, 1755; d. in May, 1793; m. Elizabeth Kendrick, of Hollis, 13 June, 1782.

7. *Phinehas*, b. 16 February, 1758; d. in 1793; m. Sarah Hildreth 15 June, 1784; four children. After his death she m. James Smith.

8. *Mary*, b. 21 April, 1760; m. Levi Kimball, of Landgrove, Vt.

9. † *Peter*, b. 16 June, 1762; m. Betsey Woodbury.

10. *Dolly*, b. 21 March, 1765; m. ——— Dodge, of New Boston.

3. NATHAN JONES, JR., b. in Dracut, Mass., 25 February, 1748; d. in Mont Vernon 6 November, 1813; m. Esther Butterfield. They settled on what has since been known as the McCollom place, in the north part of Amherst, now Mont Vernon. Their children were—

11. *Betsey*, b. 29 April, 1777; m. Nathan Fuller 28 February, 1815.

12. *Dorcas*, b. 22 March, 1779.

13. *Dolly*, b. 17 October, 1781.

14. *Seviah*, b. 1 October, 1783.

15. † *Nathan*, b. 10 July, 1787; d. in 1820.

16. *Rhoda*, b. 21 May, 1790; m. James Pike 7 May, 1812.

15. NATHAN JONES, 3d, b. 10 July, 1787; d. in 1820; m. Sarah Bancroft. After his death she rem. to Belleville, Canada West, and d. there. Her remains were brought to Mont Vernon and buried near those of her husband. Their children were—

17. *Nathan*, 4th; res. in Belleville.

18. *Timothy*.

19. *Adams*.

20. *Sarah*; m. John D. Nutter; res. in Montreal, Canada.

6. TIMOTHY JONES, b. 27 July, 1755; d. in Amherst in the spring of 1793; m. Elizabeth, daughter of Daniel Kendrick, of Hollis, 13 June, 1782, and settled on the farm west of W. H. Hubbard's, now occupied by Charles H. Burnham, where he died. After his decease his widow m. Andrew Leavitt. She d. in May, 1818. Their children were—

21. *John*; m. and settled in New Boston, where he died.

22. *Bowen*; d. at sea; never married.

23. *Betsey*; m. Edmund Batchelder; settled in Landgrove, Vt.; d. in Peru, Vt., 9 July, 1869, aged 83 years and 3 months.

24. *Rachel*; m. Eben Batchelder 30 June, 1811; d. in Amherst 9 January, 1863, aged 76.

25. *Hannah* was insane many years, and d. at the Asylum for the Insane in Concord 12 August, 1847, aged 55.

26. † *Timothy*, b. 28 July, 1793.

26. TIMOTHY JONES, JR., b. in Amherst 28 July, 1793; d. 24 June, 1882; m. (1) Sophia, daughter of Reuben Stearns, 18 December, 1821. She d. 7 July, 1830, aged 26; m. (2) Hannah, daughter of Alexander Carr, in 1863. Their children were—

27. *Abigail P.*, b. 31 March, 1823; m. George W. Currier; res. in Manchester.

28. *Kendrick Leavitt*, b. 18 June, 1826; d. 1 June, 1833.

29. *Mary J.*, b. 16 April, 1828; m. John J. Boynton; res. in Clinton, Mass.

30. *Nancy P.*, b. 7 December, 1829; d. in Lowell, Mass., 20 August, 1847.

9. PETER JONES, b. 9 September, 1762; d. 11 October, 1842; m. Betsey, daughter of Peter Woodbury, 5 June, 1787. She was an aunt of Judge Levi Woodbury, and was b. 9 February, 1770; d. 3 April, 1843. They settled on the farm occupied by his father, but rem. thence to Amherst in the spring of 1825. Their children were—

31. *Mahala*, b. in 1788; m. Mark D. Perkins in February, 1809; d. in Mont Vernon 24 June, 1843.

32. † *Levi*, b. 9 January, 1790.

33. *Hannah*, b. 20 November, 1793; m. Capt. William Bruce 1 December, 1814; d. in Mont Vernon 18 July, 1870.

34. *Peter W.*, b. 19 June, 1795; d. 4 June, 1797.

32. COL. LEVI JONES, b. 9 January, 1790; d. 11 October, 1858; m. Sophia, daughter of Thomas Gilmore, 11 June, 1815. She was a great-grand-daughter of Rev. Daniel Wilkins, and a cousin of Gen. John Adams Dix, of New York; b. 27 January, 1796; d. 13 April, 1875. They settled at first on the Jones homestead, in Mont Vernon, but rem. to Amherst in 1825. Their children were—

35. *Peter Woodbury*, b. 30 March, 1817; m. *Cynthia Marland* 14 November, 1841. She d. 20 September, 1870, aged 50; no children.

36. *Nancy R.*, b. 2 February, 1819; d. in August, 1826.

37. *Mary L.*, b. 13 June, 1821; m. *Elbridge F. Perkins* 31 January, 1854; res. in East Wilton.

38. *Abby D.*, b. 29 April, 1823; m. *James H. Parmelee*, of New York, in January, 1848; d. in Manchester 24 January, 1891.

39. *George W.*, b. 2 February, 1825; was one of the city officers in Lowell, Mass.; d. in Amherst 7 September, 1851; unmarried.

40. *Thomas*, b. 3 February, 1827; unmarried.

41. *Nancy R.*, b. 18 January, 1829; d. in Lowell, Mass., 20 April, 1843.

42. *Charles F.*, b. 12 March, 1831; d. 10 October, 1840.

43. *Harriet N.*, b. 15 January, 1833; m. *Dr. William E. Rogers*, of Westborough, Mass., 4 March, 1861.

44. *Jane M. W.*, b. 3 April, 1835; m. *David R. Brant*, of Brooklyn, N. Y., 14 October, 1856.

45. *Amelia Frances*, b. 3 May, 1837; d. 10 October, 1840.

46. *Daniel G.*, b. 3 August, 1839; d. in August, 1840.

47. **WILLIAM JONES** was a resident in town in 1760. He seems to have resided in the south-west part of the town, near Lyndeborough. The children of William and Rebecca Jones were—

48. *Jonathan*, b. 5 December, 1761.

49. *Joel*.

50. *Lydia*, b. 22 February, 1766.

51. *Elizabeth Russell*, }  
52. *Abigail Waters*, } b. 30 April, 1772.

53. **CALEB JONES** and his wife *Deborah* resided in Monson, in 1769. His name appears on a petition from that town, presented that year, relative to the division of the province into counties. He d. in Milford 16 April, 1805, aged 79. His children, as named in his will, were—

54. *Zadock*, b. 5 July, 1773.

57. *Joshua*.

55. *Sarah*.

58. *Caleb*.

56. *Deborah*.

## KEARNEY.

THOMAS KEARNEY, a native of Ireland, driven from that country in the time of the rebellion, settled on the place formerly occupied by Mr. Swinington, near the great pond. He was a noted peddler, carrying his goods over the country in a wagon, and attending all the musters, trainings, and other gatherings of the people. He was widely known and highly esteemed. He d. 2 November, 1854, aged 75. Nancy, his widow, d. in Milford 27 April, 1856, aged 79. Their children were—

*Thomas.*

*John F.*

*Charles Matthéo*; d. 5 April, 1837, aged 18.

*James L.*; d. 21 January, 1821, aged 8 months.

*Sarah Ann*; m. Samuel C. Moore; d. 5 February, 1850, aged 42.

*Rose.*

## KEIFF.

MICHAEL KEIFF seems to have come to Amherst from Londonderry. His name is found among the soldiers from Amherst in the Revolutionary war. After being convicted of burning Mr. Atherton's barns he committed suicide, in jail, 14 May, 1790. His widow survived him many years, and d. on the town farm 4 September, 1841, aged 97. Their children left town many years since.

## KENDALL.

1. CAPT. NATHAN KENDALL removed from Litchfield to Souhegan West sometime between 1747 and 1754. He settled on a lot near Souhegan river, which, under his care, became an excellent farm. He was b. in 1726; d. 10 November, 1791; m. Rebecca Colburn, of Merrimack, in 1753. She d. in Antrim in 1818, aged 88. Their children were—

2. †*Nathan*, b. 28 July, 1755.

3. *Joshua*, b. 9 September, 1758; m. ——— Howard; res. in Hillsborough; d. in 1828; four children—

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| 1. Rachel | 3. Sally.  |
| 2. Olive. | 4. Joshua. |

4. *Rebecca*, b. 9 September, 1763; m. †John Seaton, jr.

5. *Jesse*, b. 8 July, 1766; m. Polly Kendall 19 April, 1794; d. in Hillsborough in October, 1825; four children—

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| 1. Nathan. | 3. Converse. |
| 2. Emily.  | 4. Mary.     |

6. *Timothy*, b. 1 August, 1770; m. Esther Pierce Walker 26 October, 1794. She was a sister of Gen. Benjamin Pierce. He d. in Society Land 14 April, 1827. She d. in Antrim 15 November, 1826, aged 64 years; five children—

1. Indiana Emerson, b. in Amherst 21 December, 1795; m. James Jameson; d. in Lowell, Mass., 14 December, 1847.
2. Timothy Converse, b. 1 June, 1797; settled in Boston, Mass., and d. there in December, 1860.
3. Converse; d. in infancy.
4. Rebecca S., b. in September, 1801; m. Jonathan B. Warren, a cousin to Gen. N. P. Banks; d. 9 September, 1868.
5. Elizabeth Pierce, b. in June, 1803; m. Gen. Israel Hunt, jr., of Nashua; d. in January, 1837.

7. †*Thaddeus*, b. 2 August, 1772.

8. *John Colburn*, b. 29 August, 1774; m. (1) Martha Dodge 23 August, 1799. She d. 10 June, 1801; m. (2) Martha O. Chandler; seven children.

2. NATHAN KENDALL, JR., b. in Souhegan West 28 July, 1755; d. at Hillsborough 11 August, 1846, aged 91; m. Sarah Kendrick, of Amherst, in January, 1779. She was b. in Monson, 29 August, 1759; d. 15 July, 1841. Their children were—

9. *Sarah Harris*, b. 9 April, 1781; d. at Goffstown 7 May, 1865; unmarried.

10. *Anna Pierce*, b. 17 July, 1787; m. Ira C. Wilkins, of Mont Vernon, 11 July, 1815; d. at Burlington, Ohio, 16 July, 1849.

11. *Rebecca*; d. 28 June, 1796, aged 7 years.

12. *Abigail*; d. 10 June, 1796, aged 3 years.

13. *Lucy*, b. 13 December, 1796; m. †Isaac Spalding, of Nashua.



14. *Nathan*, b. 27 March, 1799; m. *Susan Wilson*, of New Ipswich, 18 November, 1839; d. at Nashua 8 September, 1842.

15. *Catherine*, b. 12 May, 1801; m. *David Steele*, of Hillsborough, 1 November, 1838; res. in Nashua.

16. *Abigail Brooks*, b. 4 February, 1805; m. *Leonard M. Kimball*, of Hillsborough, 15 March, 1832; d. 7 April, 1851.

7. CAPT. THADDEUS KENDALL, son of Nathan and Rebecca Kendall, was b. in Amherst 2 August, 1772; m. (1) *Catharine Fletcher*, daughter of Robert Fletcher, Esq., 25 September, 1800. She d. 27 April, 1801, aged 22; m. (2) *Abigail Wilkins*, daughter of Dea. Samuel Wilkins, 13 November, 1808. She was b. 30 April, 1773; d. in Mobile, Ala., 27 September, 1853. He settled in Mont Vernon where he was a merchant several years. While there he was interested in the militia, and under his leadership and instruction the North West Parish (or Mont Vernon) Company became one of the best in the old 5th Regiment. Leaving Mont Vernon he settled in Vergennes, Vt., where he d. Their children were—

17. *George Wilkins*, b. in Mont Vernon 22 August, 1809; d. at Post Oak Springs, Texas, 22 October, 1867; the well-known founder and conductor of the New Orleans *Picayune*.

18. *Thaddeus Richmond*; res. in Mobile, Ala.

19. *Catherine*; m. ——— Rix; res. in Alabama.

20. DEA. JACOB KENDALL was b. in Litchfield in 1758; d. in Mont Vernon 3 June, 1823; m. *Sarah Lamson*, of Amherst, 25 June, 1782. She was b. 20 March, 1761; d. 10 August, 1847. They removed from Litchfield to Amherst about 1783. Their children were—

21. *Amos*, b. in 1782; d. in New Boston 12 January, 1859.

22. *Surah*, b. 17 January, 1784; m. (1) †*Simeon Flint* 20 August, 1804; m. (2) †*Aaron Wilkins* 16 September, 1824; d. 14 September, 1861.

23. *Jacob*, b. 15 April, 1785.

24. *Elizabeth*, b. 11 August, 1788.

25. *Jonathan*, b. 11 August, 1791; m. *Phebe Flint* 7 December, 1815; d. 24 October, 1859.

26. *Josiah*, b. 21 January, 1797.

27. DANIEL KENDALL, b. in Litchfield 18 January, 1760; d. in Mont Vernon 17 August, 1830; m. Sarah Lovejoy 14 February, 1786. She was b. 6 May, 1762; d. 14 August, 1847. They settled in Amherst in 1785. Their children were—

28. *Daniel*, b. 26 October, 1789; m. Deborah Battles; d. 31 August, 1870.

29. *Mary*, b. 3 June, 1792; d. 3 November, 1813.

30. *Sarah*, b. 26 July, 1794; m. John Battles; d. 6 March, 1858.

31. *Nathan*, b. in 1796; d. in August, 1798.

32. *Alice*, b. 1 August, 1800; m. Reuben K. Batchelder; d. 26 June, 1846.

33. *Zaccheus N.*, b. 2 June, 1803.

34. *Ira*, b. 9 January, 1805; m. Cyrene Batchelder in May, 1832; d. 20 March, 1863.

#### KENNEY.

MISS ELIZA KENNEY, daughter of Simeon Kenney, Esq., of Merrimack, d. at the residence of Luther Melendy, in Amherst, 10 February, 1878, aged 67 years.

#### KENRICK—KENDRICK.

I. JOHN KENRICK, b. in England in 1605, was in Boston, Mass., as early as 1639. He was then a member of the church, and took the freeman's oath in 1640. In 1658 he purchased two hundred and fifty acres of land in Cambridge village, near Charles river, on which he seems to have settled. His first wife, Anna, d. in Boston in November, 1656. His second wife, Judith, d. in Roxbury, Mass., 23 August, 1687. He d. 29 August, 1686.

II. JOHN KENRICK, his son, b. in Boston 3 October, 1641, became a resident of Cambridge village, now Newton, Mass., 1 March, 1659. He visited England in 1677 and returned the following year. He m. Esther Hall 23 October, 1673; she d. 14 September, 1723, aged about 70 years. He d. 30

September, 1721, and was buried on his eightieth birth-day. They were the parents of twelve children, of whom—

III. 1. **CALEB KENRICK**, b. in Newton 8 March, 1694; m. Abigail Bowen, of Roxbury, Mass., 14 September, 1721, and d. 31 March, 1771. She d. in Groton, Mass., 16 September, 1775. They settled in Newton. Their children were—

2. *John*, b. 8 August, 1722; m. Anna Dana; settled in Newton; d. in 1805.

3. †*Benjamin*, b. 30 January, 1723–24.

4. *Esther*, b. 26 April, 1726; m. Joseph Mayo, of Roxbury, Mass., who was killed in the Revolutionary war. She d. 26 May, 1775.

5. *Abigail*, b. 23 March, 1729; m. Benjamin Adams, of Boston, Mass., in 1747; d. 17 January, 1763.

6. *Sarah*, b. 4 May, 1731; m. John Fillebrown, of Boston, Mass., in 1753.

7. *Caleb*, b. 28 October, 1733; d. 16 February, 1736.

8. *Daniel*, b. 4 October, 1735; m. Haunah Harris; settled in Hollis.

9. *Caleb*, b. 29 January, 1739; m. Elizabeth Parker, of Roxbury, 10 February, 1774; settled on the homestead; d. in 1803.

10. *Anna*, b. 30 April, 1742; m. †Rev. Samuel Dana, of Groton, Mass., afterward of Amherst.

IV. 3. **BENJAMIN KENRICK**, b. in Newton 30 January, 1723–24; m. Sarah Harris, of Hollis, 1 March, 1750; settled in Monson in 1749; became a citizen of Amherst in September, 1770; d. 13 November, 1812. His widow d. 27 May, 1818, aged 87. They resided on what is now the pauper farm in Amherst. Their children were—

11. *A son*, b. in 1750; d. in infancy.

12. *A daughter*, b. in 1752; d. in infancy.

13. †*Stephen*, b. 13 January, 1756.

14. *Sarah*, b. 29 August, 1758; m. †Nathan Kendall, jr.

15. *Abigail*, b. 8 August, 1764; m. †Isaac Brooks, Esq.

16. *Anna*, b. 30 October, 1763; m. Gen. Benjamin Pierce, of Hillsborough, 1 February, 1790. She d. 7 December, 1838. They were the parents of President Franklin Pierce.

V. 13. **STEPHEN KENDRICK**, b. 13 January, 1756; d. 7 June, 1811; m. Sarah Shepard; she was b. 17 October, 1757.

and d. in September, 1840. After his decease she m. Dea. John Hartshorn. Their children were—

17. †*Benjamin*, b. 27 September, 1779.
18. *Sarah*, b. 3 November, 1781; m. John Conant, of Merrimack, 27 August, 1815.
19. *Sophia*, b. 5 February, 1784; m. Daniel Mack, of Bedford; d. 16 March, 1872.
20. *John*, b. 30 December, 1785; married; d. in Boston, Mass., in October, 1834.
21. *Stephen*, b. 2 June, 1788; d. 7 April, 1789.
22. *Stephen*, b. 6 January, 1790; m. (1) Mary Bird; she d. 31 August, 1825; m. (2) Asenath Chandler, of Bedford, 28 November, 1826; d. in Nashua 23 October, 1853.
23. *Rachel S.*, b. 30 January, 1793; m. Dr. Moses Kidder, of Dublin, in January, 1815; rem. to Ashby, Mass.; afterward to Lowell, Mass.; eight children.
24. *Daniel*, b. in January, 1795; d. 8 October, 1830.
25. *Caleb*, b. 17 August, 1796; m. Sally Chandler, of Bedford, 15 December, 1829; d. 7 September, 1832.
26. *Rufus*, b. 18 June, 1798; m. Hannah Chandler, of Bedford, 13 December, 1825; d. in Manchester 20 September, 1878.

VI. 17. BENJAMIN KENDRICK, b. 27 September, 1779; d. 7 December, 1853; m. Rebecca Danforth 24 September, 1807; she was b. 1 May, 1789; d. 29 March, 1853. Their children were—

28. *Rebecca*, b. 23 January, 1812; m. †John Ober, jr.
29. *John*, b. 29 January, 1814; d. 26 July, 1816.
30. *John*, b. 19 December, 1816; d. at Dorchester, Mass., 13 November, 1874.
31. *Sophia M.*, b. 4 March, 1819; m. George B. Cushing 19 December, 1843; d. at Hudson City, N. J., 7 April, 1868.
32. *Benjamin*, b. 21 December, 1820.
33. *Rufus*, b. 27 March, 1822.
34. *Franklin Pierce*, b. 28 July, 1825; d. 5 June, 1828.
35. *Rachel A.*, b. 24 November, 1827; m. Benjamin F. Danforth in January, 1846; d. at Nashua 15 July, 1879.
36. *Sarah P.*, b. 11 October, 1830; m. Ellery C. Clark 28 February, 1861; d. at Pepperell, Mass., 12 November, 1866.
37. *Henry P.*, b. 21 May, 1834; d. at Allston, Mass., 3 June, 1872.

## KENT.

1. AMOS KENT, b. on Kent's Island, Newbury, Mass., 16 October, 1774; graduated at Harvard College in 1795; d. in Chester 18 June, 1824; m. Abigail, daughter of Hon. Joshua Atherton, 27 November, 1799. She was b. 22 October, 1775; d. in Boston, Mass., 7 February, 1860. He was engaged in the practice of the law at Chester, and was senator from District No. 3 in 1814 and 1815. Their children were—

2. *Charles*, b. 1 January, 1801.

3. *Abigail*, b. 27 August, 1802; m. Robert Means, jr., 28 October, 1834; d. 3 August, 1857.

4. *Mary Mason*, b. 25 February, 1804.

5. *Philip*, b. 30 August, 1805; lost at sea in 1824.

6. *Joshua*, b. 13 March, 1807; d. in 1809.

7. *Frances*, b. 21 April, 1809; d. in 1853.

8. *Amos*, b. 14 May, 1811.

9. † *George*, b. 12 April, 1813.

10. *Frederick*, b. 22 November, 1814; d. in 1864.

9. GEORGE KENT, b. in Chester 12 April, 1813; m. Lucretia Barnard 3 June, 1844. She was b. 8 August, 1814. They are both graduates from the American Asylum for the Deaf and Dumb, at Hartford, Conn., and reside in the old Means mansion house, on Amherst Plain. He is the champion trout fisherman of the county. One child—

11. *Anna*, b. 17 February, 1852.

## KIDDER.

1. WILLIAM L. KIDDER, b. in Billerica, Mass., 13 April 1775; m. Nabby Jenkins, of Andover, 19 November, 1798. Settled in Amherst, now Mont Vernon. Their children were—

2. † *William Lambert*, b. 4 July, 1800.

3. *Nancy*; m. Amos Batchelder; d. in Goffstown.

4. *Mahala*; m. Ambrose Smith; d. in Goffstown.

5. *Francis*; m. *Susan Richardson*; d. in Mont Vernon.  
6. *Charles*; m. ——— Gowling; res. in North Reading, Mass.

2. **WILLIAM LAMBERT KIDDER, JR.**, b. 4 July, 1800; d. in Amherst 29 September, 1860; m. *Mary Jane Richardson* 25 April, 1826. She was b. 19 April, 1806; d. in Amherst 27 August, 1880. Their children were—

7. *Ann Mary*, b. 28 April, 1827; m. †*Joseph F. Johnson*.  
8. *Mary Jane*, b. 10 March, 1836; d. 9 April, 1836.  
9. *William Henry*, b. 22 June, 1837; m. *Abby Burse*, of Shapleigh, Me., 26 November, 1868; is a machinist; res. in Great Falls.  
10. *Andrew Jackson*, b. 23 May, 1840; m. *Katy Greenleaf*; is a farmer; res. in Hudson.  
11. *Emma Caroline*, b. 31 August, 1842; m. *W. H. Smith* 24 August, 1860.  
12. *Alfred*, b. 22 April, 1847; d. at Providence, R. I., 17 August, 1875; unmarried.

13. **DANIEL KIDDER** m. *Elizabeth Melendy* 22 November, 1781. Their children were—

14. *Betsey*, b. 25 November, 1782.  
15. *Daniel*, b. 19 March, 1785.  
16. *Fanny*, b. 10 March, 1787.  
17. *Nancy*, b. 7 March, 1789.  
18. *Susannah*, b. 13 October, 1791.  
19. *Ephraim*, b. 16 January, 1794.

20. **JOSIAH KIDDER** and *Hannah Nevins*, of Hollis; m. 19 December, 1809. He d. 28 May, 1849, aged 70. *Hannah*, his widow, d. in Nashua 4 September, 1852, aged 73. Their child—

21. *Miranda*, was b. 3 February, 1811.

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*Sampson Kidder* d. 25 December, 1834, aged 70.  
*Jane*, widow of *Sampson Kidder*, d. 4 October, 1840, aged 70.  
*Ethan A. Kidder*, their son, d. 21 June, 1833, aged 21.  
*Delia*, daughter of *Sampson Kidder*, and wife of *Simeon Wilson*, d. in Merrimack 17 July, 1864, aged 56.  
*Isaac Kidder*, d. in 1804.

## KIMBALL.

1. **EBENEZER KIMBALL**, b. in Wenham, Mass., in 1740; d. 17 February, 1821; m. (1) Miss Waldron; m. (2) Elizabeth Fuller. She was b. in Middleton, Mass., 22 April, 1734; d. 2 October, 1822. He was a cabinet maker, and carried on the business after he came to Amherst. He settled in town a few years after the close of the war for independence. Their children were—

2. *Ebenezer* (by his first wife), b. in 1763; m. Polly Aiken, the first child b. of English parents in Antrim. They resided in Antrim, Lyndeborough and New Chester, now Hill, in which last place he d. in 1835. Their children were—

1. Ruth Waldron, b. in 1793; m. George W. Crockett, of Boston, Mass.
2. Tirzah, b. in 1800; m. Rev. A. W. Burnham, of Rindge.
3. Gilman, b. in 1804; a distinguished physician; res. in Lowell, Mass.
4. Mary, b. 5 July, 1807; m. (1) Dr. John L. Sanborn; settled in Alabama; m. (2) Mr. Carroll; is now living in Mattapoisett, Mass.
5. Caroline, b. 1 August, 1809; m. George E. Sherman, of Hill; rem. to Mississippi; is now living in Mattapoisett.

3. *Betsey*, m. James Wallace, of Milford, 19 September, 1786.

4. *Abigail*, m. Dr. Robert Fuller, of Milford.

5. *Jacob*, b. in 1768; graduated at Harvard College in 1788; fitted for the ministry, but abandoned theology and engaged in farming; m. Betsey Kimball 4 June, 1818. He d. 1 August, 1849. She d. 4 April, 1875, aged 87; no children.

6. *Mehitable*: married and settled in New Boston.

7. *Sally*.

8. *Abraham*: settled in one of the southern states and d. there.

9. *Holton*; m. Lydia Swett; settled in Amherst; a shoemaker and farmer; d. 2 November, 1838, aged 63.

## Children of MOSES, JR., and Mary Kimball—

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| 10. <i>David</i> , b. 13 August, 1784. | 12. <i>Levi</i> , b. 22 April, 1788.    |
| 11. <i>Moses</i> , b. 3 May, 1786.     | 13. <i>Polly</i> , b. 10 October, 1789. |

HENRY KIMBALL was a hatter; resided for some years on the farm now owned by B. B. Whitney, afterward, on the Plain, where he d. 11 November, 1826, aged 75.

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*Ruth*, daughter of Henry Kimball, m. Edward Blodgett; d. at Salisbury 30 June, 1818, aged 37.

*Fred G.*, son of N. P. Kimball, inn-keeper; d. in April, 1834.

#### KING.

WIDOW ESTHER KING d. in April, 1813, aged 72.

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*John*, son of Mansfield King, d. in March, 1814.

*A child* of Mansfield King, d. in September, 1813.

#### KINSON.

GEORGE KINSON, b. in Mont Vernon 1 April, 1800; d. 2 October, 1867; m. Martha M. Walker 5 December, 1825. She was b. in New Ipswich 20 January, 1805. They settled in Amherst in 1830, where he carried on the blacksmithing business, and was widely known as a skillful workman. Their children were—

*George D.*, b. 6 September, 1826; m. Marion M. Sherman 20 October, 1851; res. in Chicago.

*Eliza A.*, b. 13 May, 1828; m. †Samuel Eaton in September, 1846.

*Martha J.*, b. 12 March, 1830; m. Edmund E. Skinner 31 December, 1858; res. in Reading, Mass.

*Helen M.*, b. 9 April, 1835; m. George W. Osgood 9 February, 1860; d. 17 September, 1868.

*Charles H.*, b. 11 January, 1842; m. Hattie M. Clarke 18 December, 1868; res. in Gardner, Mass.

*Ella Georgia*, b. 23 November, 1847; unmarried; res. in Amherst.

#### KITTREDGE.

SOLOMON KITTREDGE settled in Amherst about 1766. He was b. in Billerica, Mass., 9 June, 1736; d. 24 August, 1792; m. Tabitha Ingalls, of Andover, 14 May, 1755. She d. 8 May, 1794, aged 59 years 1 month and 14 days. He was a



blacksmith, and quite a prominent man in the north-west parish. Their children were—

1. *Solomon*, b. in 1755; a Revolutionary soldier; d. in Mont Vernon 22 October, 1815, aged 93.
2. † *Zephaniah*, b. 24 August, 1757.
3. *Tabitha*, b. 28 July, 1758; m. Benjamin Sawyer.
4. *Josiah*, b. 26 July, 1761.
5. *Phebe*, b. 5 June, 1763; m. Aaron Townsend.
6. *Stephen*, b. 27 June, 1765.
7. *Lydia*, b. 29 August, 1767; m. Joshua Kittredge 29 November, 1787.
8. *Ingalls*, b. 10 December, 1769.
9. *Betsey*, b. 16 September, 1771; m. ——— Wheeler; d. 9 November, 1865, aged 94.
10. *Peter*, b. 25 September, 1773.
11. *Asa*.
12. *Sally*, b. 19 April, 1779; m. Abial Stickney, of Tewksbury, Mass.; d. 28 August, 1847.

2. DR. ZEPHANIAH KITTREDGE, b. 24 August, 1757; d. 17 August, 1843; m. Elizabeth Stickney, of Tewksbury, Mass. She d. in Mont Vernon 6 August, 1851, aged 90. He was long and favorably known as a skillful surgeon and physician. Their children were—

13. *Betsey*, b. 18 May, 1782; d. 5 August, 1786.
14. *Nabby*, b. 22 March, 1784; m. † Jesse Smith. 1866.
15. *Zephaniah*, b. 15 September, 1785; d. 3 August, 1873; m. Mary Wheeler, of Hancock. She was b. in August, 1788; d. 25 February, 1880.
16. *Betsey*, d. 5 March, 1799, aged 11 years.
17. *Nancy*, b. in 1790; m. Uriah Wilkins; d. in Stowe, Vt., 10 January, 1832.
18. *Fanny*; m. Porter Kimball, of Mont Vernon. She d. 16 September, 1821, aged 22 years.

## KNIGHT.

JONATHAN KNIGHT, son of Robert and Priscilla (Hutchinson) Knight, was b. in Antrim 4 December, 1799; m. (1) Lucy A. Putnam 17 November, 1825; she was b. 21 Octo-

ber, 1807; d. 31 December, 1836. He m. (2) Ann Miller Patten, of Bedford, in September, 1840; she d. 31 December, 1843. He m. (3) Mary Ann Dodge 20 July, 1848; she d. 17 December, 1851. He m. (4) Mary J. Davis in 1855. His children were—

*Mary A.*, b. 29 August, 1826; d. 16 May, 1836.

*Lucy P.*, b. 24 January, 1829; d. 17 December, 1841.

*Hannah Frances*, b. 15 April, 1830; m. Timothy F. Whitney, of Nashua, 15 November, 1849.

*Elizabeth P.*, b. 23 April, 1832; m. †Frank Hartshorn 2 February, 1860.

*Robert T.*, b. 2 March, 1836; m. Sophronia M. Way 4 January, 1870.

*George D.*, } b. 14 December, 1851; d. 1 October, 1852.  
*Mary Ann*, } d. 29 July, 1852.

#### KNOWLTON.

JOSEPH KNOWLTON resided in the west part of the town, on the tract annexed to Milford in December, 1842. He d. 7 March, 1842, aged 75. Fanny, his wife, d. 25 November, 1834, aged 65. Their children were—

*Fanny*; m. Francis Lynch, of New Boston, 20 October, 1815.

*Nancy*, b. in 1796; unmarried.

*Samuel D.*, b. 5 January, 1890.

*Hannah E.*

*Emeline*; m. Joshua Burns in August, 1834.

*Charles J. Knowlton*, d. in February, 1881.

*George E.*, only child of Charles J. Knowlton, d. 5 November, 1880, aged 17 years and 9 months.

#### LAKEMAN.

1. JOSEPH LAKEMAN, b. in Ipswich, Mass., 27 August, 1766; d. 30 March, 1851; m. Rebecca Nevins, of Hollis, 24 December, 1788. She was b. 15 July, 1765; d. 9 July, 1844. He came to Amherst when about fourteen years old, and resided here through the remainder of his life. Their children were—

2. *Rebecca*; m. James Farley 31 August, 1808; resided in Amherst, Salem, and Charlestown; finally rem. to Utah where she died.
3. *Joseph*; m. Sarah Phelps; settled in Maine; d. there.
4. *Mary*; d. young.
5. *William*, b. 14 July, 1797; m. Asenath Phelps; settled in Maine.
6. *Moody*, b. 27 September, 1800; m. Amanda Phelps; settled in Maine; d. there.
7. *Louisa*, b. 25 September, 1804; d. 6 June, 1877; unmarried.
8. *Susan*, b. 6 February, 1806; res. in Amherst; unmarried.
9. *Levi A.*, b. 9 October, 1809; resided in Amherst; d. 27 August, 1867; unmarried.

### LAMSON.

The ancestors of the family bearing this name settled in Reading, Mass., at an early date.

1. SAMUEL LAMSON, the first of whom I have any account, m. Mary Nichols 18 May, 1676. Their children were—

2. †*Samuel*, b. 3 May, 1677.
3. *Mary*, b. 20 June, 1678.
4. *Ebenezer*, b. 11 March, 1680; d. young.
5. *William*, b. 13 June, 1681.
6. *Joanna*, b. 16 August, 1682; m. James Nichols 20 May, 1707.
7. *Ebenezer*, b. 15 March, 1685.
8. *John*, b. 12 August, 1686; m. Elizabeth Bancroft 26 November, 1713.
9. *Sarah*, b. 29 October, 1689.
10. *Elizabeth*, b. 30 September, 1691.

2. SAMUEL LAMSON, b. 3 May, 1677; m. Elizabeth Eaton, of Reading, 11 May, 1700. She d. in Amherst 23 May, 1764. Their children were—

11. †*Samuel*, b. 8 January, 1701.
12. *Rebecca*, b. 25 November, 1702.
13. *Ruthy*, b. in 1705.
14. *Elizabeth*, b. 21 August, 1709; m. †William Melendy 6 June, 1728.

11. SAMUEL LAMSON, b. 8 January, 1701; d. early in 1779; one of the two first settlers in Souhegan West; m. Abigail Bryant 3 July, 1722. Their children were

15. *Abigail*, b. 12 February, 1723; m. †Joseph Ellenwood.
16. *Samuel*, b. 24 October, 1724; m. Rebecca Crosby 6 November, 1770.
17. †*Jonathan*, b. 29 September, 1726.
18. *Rebecca*, b. 25 March, 1733.
19. *Sarah*, b. in 1739; said to have been the first child b. of English parents in Amherst: m. †James Gage.

17. JONATHAN LAMSON, b. in Reading 29 September, 1726; d. in Mont Vernon in December, 1815; m. Mehitable Holt. She d. 16 February, 1826, aged 92. Their children were—

20. *Mehitable*, b. 25 March, 1755; d. in Nashua 18 April, 1844; unmarried.
21. †*Jonathan*, b. 10 August, 1756; m. Rebecca Holt.
22. *Ebenezer*, b. 20 August, 1759; d. in June, 1760.
23. *Sarah*, b. 20 March, 1761; m. †Jacob Kendall 25 January, 1782.
24. *Phebe*, b. 9 January, 1763; d. in February, 1773.
25. *Elizabeth*, b. 17 November, 1767.
26. *Ebenezer*, b. 10 July, 1769; d. 18 January, 1770.
27. †*John*, b. 10 March, 1771; d. 12 October, 1841.
28. *Jesse*, b. 17 October, 1773.

21. JONATHAN LAMSON, b. 10 August, 1756; m. Rebecca Holt 14 March, 1782. Their son—

29. *Ebenezer*, was b. 23 December, 1784.

27. JOHN LAMSON, b. 10 March, 1771; d. in Mont Vernon 12 October, 1841; m. Catherine Harris. She was b. 27 January, 1771; d. 10 December, 1853. Their children were—

30. *Catherine*, b. 30 April, 1798; unmarried.
31. *Hannah*, b. 19 January, 1800; d. 11 February, 1873; unmarried.
32. *Mehitable*, b. 25 August, 1802; d. in November, 1854; unmarried.
33. *Betsey*, b. 24 July, 1805; m. Isaac Searles in January, 1833.
34. *Sarah*, b. 23 July, 1807; m. (1) Otis Marshall, of Chelmsford, Mass., 14 November, 1834; he d. 29 August, 1837; She m. (2) William Cutler, of Billerica, Mass., 17 December, 1846.

35. †*Levi W.*, b. 17 March, 1811; m. *Elizabeth Fuller*, of Lynn, Mass.

36. *Lois*, b. 13 July, 1813; m. *Joseph Marshall*, of Chelmsford, Mass., 10 October, 1836.

37. *John*, b. 6 October, 1815; d. 6 October, 1821.

35. LEVI WOODBURY LAMSON, b. 13 July, 1813; d. in Amherst in July, 1856; m. *Elizabeth Fuller*, of Lynn, Mass. Their children were—

38. *Levi A.*, b. in 1837.

41. *Lucy Ann*, b. in 1843.

39. *John O.*, b. in 1839.

42. *Harriett M.*, b. in 1845.

40. *Joseph A.*, b. in 1841.

43. *Sarah J.*, b. in 1848.

### LANCASTER.

JOSEPH LANCASTER, from Newburyport, Mass., d. 3 September, 1825, aged 44.

### LANCY.

WILLIAM and SARAH LANCY were among the earliest settlers in Souhegan West. He d. previous to 28 September, 1774. Their children were—

*Deborah*; baptized in September, 1742; the first child baptized in Souhegan West.

*Samuel*; placed under guardianship of Thomas Towne 28 September, 1774.

*Mary*; m. *Sutherick Weston* 20 January, 1779; d. in Antrim 4 August, 1838, aged 82.

### LANE.

ZIBA LANE m. (1) *Lydia* ———. She d. 30 August, 1801, aged 46. He m. (2) *Fanny Dennis* 9 January, 1806. He d. 25 August, 1807, aged 51. Their child—

*Lydia*, d. 25 August, 1801, aged 17.

### LANGDELL.

WILLIAM LANGDELL was a native of England. He came to this country and settled in Beverly, Mass.; rem. to Am-

herst with his son Joseph; finally went to New Boston with his son Livermore, and d. there in 1799. He m. Maria Wiltredge, of Beverly, Mass.

JOSEPH LANGDELL, son of William and Maria, resided in the north-west parish; was one of the selectmen several years; d. at Wenham, Mass., in May, 1829, aged 94 years. His children were—

*Lucy*, b. 27 June, 1774.

*Molly*, b. 27 April, 1776; m. John Bradford in April, 1798.

*Rebecca*, b. 13 April, 1778; m. (1) Henry Codman, jr., 19 February, 1796; m. (2) ——— Hamlin; d. 5 May, 1855.

*Betsy*, b. 15 November, 1780; m. John Rhea 28 November, 1799.

*Abigail*, b. 25 January, 1782.

*Esther*, b. 14 May, 1783.

*Ezra*, b. 5 March, 1785; resided on the homestead; d. in Mont Vernon 22 December, 1855; m. Rebecca Langdell, of New Boston. She d. in January, 1855.

*Anna*, b. 9 March, 1788; m. Charles Cambridge 2 July, 1811.

*Mark D.*, b. 6 May, 1792; d. 16 December, 1859; m. Lucy Whipple, of New Boston.

#### LARRABEE.

*Widow Abigail Larrabee*, d. 2 October, 1830, aged 79.

#### LAWRENCE.

I. JOHN LAWRENCE, a native of Wissett, England, came to New England prior to 1635 and settled in Watertown, Mass. His wife's name was Elizabeth.

II. PELEG LAWRENCE, son of John and Elizabeth, was b. 10 January, 1636–37; resided in Groton, Mass.; his wife's name was Elizabeth. He d. in Groton in 1692.

III. ELEAZER LAWRENCE, son of Peleg and Elizabeth, was b. in Groton 28 February, 1674; m. Mary ——— about 1698. He resided in Littleton, and Pepperell, Mass., and d. 9 March, 1754. Mary, his widow, d. 29 June, 1761, aged 81 years.

IV. PELEG LAWRENCE, son of Eleazer and Mary, was b. in Groton 1 June, 1701; was a deacon of the church in Pepperell, and d. 27 July, 1757. Ruth Lawrence, his widow d. 4 September, 1757, aged 57 years.

V. OLIVER LAWRENCE, son of Peleg and Ruth, was b. in Groton 18 March, 1728; resided in Hollis. He d. 2 April, 1797. Mary Lawrence, his widow, d. 20 July, 1799, aged 65 years.

VI. EBER, son of Oliver and Mary Lawrence, was b. in Hollis 28 October, 1771. He was for some time a merchant and inn-keeper in Amherst, leaving there about 1827; m. (1) Lucy Burton, of Woburn, Mass.; m. (2) Jane D. Frost. He d. in Burlington, Mass., 20 June, 1855. By his first wife he had—

*William*, who m. Lucy Botsford 13 August, 1823; res. in Burlington, Mass.

Children of Eber and Jane D. (Frost) Lawrence—

*Jane Cummings*, b. 29 September, 1802; m. David Underhill, of Amherst.

*George Frost*, b. 5 March, 1804; was murdered in Texas.

*Adeline Eliza*, b. 14 October, 1806.

*Eber Stillman*, b. 20 August, 1807; d. young.

VI. AARON LAWRENCE, son of Oliver and Mary, was b. in Hollis 5 May, 1774; m. Lucy Putnam, of Stowe, Mass., 8 March, 1802. She was b. in Stowe 19 May, 1786. They resided first in Hollis, afterward in Weston, Vt., where they died.

VII. AARON LAWRENCE, son of Aaron and Lucy, was b. in Hollis 23 December, 1804; m. (1) Lucretia, daughter of Hon. Clifton Claggett, 14 September, 1830; she d. 15 September, 1838, aged 32 years. He m. (2) Sarah Abbott, daughter of Timothy Stearns, of Billerica, Mass., 14 December, 1842. She was b. 27 February, 1803; d. 15 October, 1865. He d. 1 September, 1867.

The children of Aaron and Lucretia C. Lawrence were—

*Elizabeth Greeley*, b. 9 November, 1831; unmarried.

*Cornelia Margaretta*, b. 24 June, 1837; m. John R. Bartlett, of Boston, Mass., 22 June, 1871. Their child, Beatrice Lawrence, d. 20 December, 1872, aged 3 months.

The children of Aaron and Sarah A. Lawrence were—

*Sarah Lucretia*, b. 6 November, 1843; d. 8 August, 1870.

*Ann Maria*, b. 4 April, 1847; d. 15 September, 1867.

### LEAVITT.

1. **ANDREW LEAVITT**, b. in the vicinity of Exeter in 1752; d. in Amherst 24 August, 1846, aged 94; m. (1) **Sarah Hastings**; m. (2) **Mrs. Elizabeth (Kendrick) Jones**; she d. in May, 1818, aged 55. He m. (3) **Mrs. Abigail (Rust) Hildreth**; she d. 12 February, 1834, aged 66.

He learned the housewright's trade of Dea. Ephraim Barker and came with him as a journeyman to Amherst before the commencement of the Revolution, and afterward carried on the business here until disabled by age. He was present at the battle of Bunker Hill, and was at Cambridge when Washington took command of the army. He was probably the last survivor of the Amherst soldiers at Bunker Hill. His children were—

2. *Andrew*; m. twice; served on board a privateer in the war of 1812; was taken prisoner and confined in Dartmoor prison, England; d. in Marblehead, Mass., after his liberation, of disease contracted while in prison.

3. *Sarah*; m. ——— Averill.

4. *Mary*, b. 25 July, 1785; m. Jesse Hutchinson, of Milford, 7 August, 1800; d. in Milford 20 September, 1868. She was the mother of the celebrated "Hutchinson Family," of the "Tribe of Jesse."

5. †*John*, b. 16 April, 1786.

6. *Betsey*; d. unmarried.

7. †*Benjamin*.

8. *William*; m. Sarah Burnham; d. 28 November, 1872.

9. *Nathaniel*; d. in California.

10. *Hannah*; m. John Adams.



11. *Roxanna* ; m. John Marvell.
12. *Daniel Kendrick* ; now res. at Carmel, Ohio.
13. *Nancy* ; m. Hiram Parker, of Lexington, Mass. ; now res. in Lowell, Mass.

5. JOHN LEAVITT, b. 16 April, 1786 ; d. 13 August, 1862 ; settled on the farm formerly occupied by William Small. He learned the carpenter's trade of his father, and carried on the business when not engaged on his farm ; m. Nancy Averill, of Milford, 17 November, 1816. She was b. 24 March, 1793 ; d. 22 November, 1854. Their children were—

14. *John Calvin*, b. 9 August, 1818 ; d. 18 September, 1836.
15. *Alma Averill*, b. 21 December, 1822 ; m. †Farnum C. Clark.
16. *George A.*, b. 4 April, 1824 ; d. 28 November, 1856.
17. *Nancy A.*, b. 5 February, 1827 ; d. 13 April, 1854 ; unmarried.

7. BENJAMIN LEAVITT, d. in June, 1848, aged 54. He was a house-painter and carried on the business several years on Amherst Plain ; m. (1) Clarissa Rhoades ; she d. 9 September, 1836, aged 41 ; m. (2) Mary Ames ; she d. at Fitchburg, Mass., 21 November, 1862, aged 70. Their children were—

18. *June* ; d. 17 June, 1834, aged 17.
19. *Abby* ; d. 9 June, 1836.
20. *Caroline A.* ; m. Henry W. Carter in May, 1843 ; d. 27 November, 1846, aged 24.
21. *Edward* ; d. 9 October, 1836.
22. *Charles* ; d. in Manchester 1 July, 1853, aged 22.

23. JOSEPH LEAVITT, a younger brother of (1) Andrew, was b. in the vicinity of Exeter in 1760. He settled in Amherst when a young man, and d. there 10 August, 1838. His widow, Mrs. Mary Leavitt, d. 21 July, 1844, aged 78. Their children were—

24. *Sarah* ; m. Francis Coombs ; d. in Moultonborough in June, 1824, aged 44.
25. *Elizabeth* ; d. 28 March, 1830.
26. *Mary* ; d. 9 March, 1820.

27. *Nancy*; d. in January, 1803.

28. *Charlotte*; d. 7 July, 1867.

29. *Hiram D.*; d. in Nashua 30 June, 1842, aged 40. His widow, Mrs. Mary E. Leavitt, d. 3 March, 1870, aged 63.

#### LEMAN.

SAMUEL LEMAN, one of the founders of the Congregational church in Souhegan West, was from Reading, Mass., where he m. Hannah Duncan 3 September, 1715. They had the following children, b. in Reading;—

*Margaret*, b. 12 October, 1717.

*Mary*, b. 5 September, 1719.

*Samuel*, b. 9 September, 1721; seems to have settled in Hollis.

*Abraham*, b. 15 August, 1724; seems to have settled in Hollis; buried in Mont Vernon.

#### LEWIS.

SAMUEL LEWIS d. in Dublin in 1790. He m. Polly Williams who d. in 1798. They resided in Amherst but a short time, and rem. to Dublin about 1780. Their children were—

*Samuel*: m. Mary White; settled in Concord.

*Thomas*, b. in 1776; settled in Canada.

*Polly*, b. in 1778; resided in Cornish.

THOMAS and MOLLY LEWIS were residents in Amherst a short time; they probably left before the commencement of the Revolution. The birth of one child is recorded on the town book;—

*Samuel*, b. 10 February, 1774.

#### LORD.

REV. NATHAN LORD was b. in Berwick, Me., 28 November, 1793; d. in Hanover 9 September, 1870; m. Elizabeth K. Leland 24 July, 1816. She d. 30 January, 1870, aged 78; settled in Amherst in 1816; rem. to Hanover in 1828, where

he was president of Dartmouth College until 1863. Their children, b. in Amherst, were—

1. *Harriett Elizabeth*, b. 2 June, 1817; d. 9 March, 1820.
  2. *John King*, b. 22 March, 1819; graduated at Dartmouth College in 1836; at Andover Theological Seminary in 1841; settled at Hartford, Vt., in 1841; rem. to Cincinnati, Ohio, where he was installed pastor of the First Congregational church 21 October, 1847; d. of cholera 31 July, 1849; m. Laura E. Smith, of Hardwick, Vt., in January, 1842; three children.
  3. *Joseph Leland*, b. 30 June, 1820; d. in Saxonville, Mass., 1 April, 1874.
  4. *Samuel Augustus*,
  5. *Frederick Richardson*,
- } b. in 1822.
6. *William H.*, b. 11 March, 1824; d. in Montpelier, Vt., 18 March, 1877.
7. *Henry C.*, b. in 1827; res. in Cincinnati.

## LOVEJOY.

I. JOHN LOVEJOY, of Andover, Mass., seems to have been the first American ancestor of the family bearing his name who have resided in Amherst. He d. at Andover in 1690. His son—

II. CHRISTOPHER LOVEJOY, b. 1 March, 1661, was the father of—

III. HEZEKIAH LOVEJOY, who m. Hannah Austin, of Haverhill, Mass., 16 July, 1722. In her old age she resided in Amherst, with her son, Capt. Hezekiah Lovejoy, and her grandson, Jonathan Lovejoy, at whose house she d. 1 December, 1805, aged 101 years. The children of Hezekiah and Hannah (Austin) Lovejoy were—

1. *Hezekiah*, b. 22 February, 1722-23; d. 4 March, 1722-23.
2. *A child*, b. and d. 27 November, 1723.
3. *Hannah*, b. 17 November, 1724.
4. *Phebe*, b. in Andover 29 November, 1727.
5. †*Hezekiah*, b. in Andover 29 October, 1729; settled in Amherst.
6. *Abial*, b. in Andover 16 December, 1731.

7. †*Francis*, b. in Andover 30 October, 1734; settled in Amherst; rem. to Maine.

8. *Phebe*, b. in Andover 24 October, 1737.

IV. 5. CAPT. HEZEKIAH LOVEJOY, b. in Andover, Mass., 29 October, 1729; d. in Amherst 6 April, 1793; m. Hannah Phelps, of Andover, 9 April, 1751. They probably settled in Souhegan West shortly after that time. He was a soldier in the war for independence. Their children were—

9. †*John*, 24 September, 1751.

10. *Jacob*, b. 15 January, 1755.

11. *Susannah*, b. 25 July, 1756; m. †William Odell, jr.

12. *Hannah*, b. 26 December, 1758; m. Zaccheus Pike.

13. †*Jonathan*, b. 3 November, 1762.

14. *Sarah*, b. 7 November, 1765; m. Stephen Abbot 8 April, 1782.

15. *Chloe*, b. 4 April, 1768; m. Benjamin Barnes 4 August, 1785.

16. *Lydia*, b. 9 August, 1769; m. ——— Stanley.

V. 13. JONATHAN LOVEJOY, b. 3 November, 1762; d. 9 December, 1843; m. Olive, daughter of William Howard, of Amherst, 21 January, 1786. She d. 4 September, 1853, aged 90. Their children were—

17. *Olive*, b. 18 June, 1787; d. 18 October, 1813; unmarried.

18. *Jonathan*, b. 2 April, 1789; d. 16 February, 1828. He was blind 20 years.

19. *Lydia*, b. 18 April, 1791; m. Oliver Townsend in March, 1822; d. in Cincinnati, Ohio, 23 March, 1819.

20. *Abigail Read*, b. 13 March, 1793; m. James Noyes, of Windham, 14 March, 1816.

21. *Betsey*, b. 13 March, 1795; m. Edmund Sweatt in February, 1824; settled in Chelmsford, Mass.

22. *Lucy*, b. 24 April, 1797; m. Moses Sweatt, of Bedford, in 1823.

23. †*William Howard*, b. 19 June, 1799.

24. *Rufus*, b. 25 April, 1801; d. 26 October, 1827.

25. *Philip*, b. 4 April, 1803.

26. *Sarah Ann*, b. 20 April, 1806; m. James McColley, of Merrimack, in February, 1826.

VI. 23. WILLIAM HOWARD LOVEJOY, b. 19 June, 1799; d. 2 January, 1874; m. (1) Hannah Shed 3 May, 1827. She was b. in Ipswich, Mass., 15 May, 1795; d. 17 August,

1847. He m. (2) Mrs. Mary Jones, of Goffstown, 27 March, 1851. Their children (all living 27 February, 1882) are—

- 27. *Rufus*, b. 9 February, 1828; unmarried.
- 28. *Elizabeth R.*, b. 15 April, 1829; m. Charles R. Wallace, of Milford.
- 29. *John H.*, b. 23 May, 1831; m. Ann Maria Tibbetts, of Pittsfield; resides in Nashua.
- 30. *Sarah S.*, b. 22 August, 1833; m. Fred. Sawyer, of Milford.
- 31. *Helen M.*, b. 26 August, 1835; m. Wells Spalding, of Milford.
- 32. *William E.*, b. 9 August, 1838; res. in California.
- 33. *George T.*, b. 23 April, 1841; unmarried.
- 34. *L. Frances*, b. 29 July, 1843; m. Wyman Witherell, of Ware, Mass.

IV. 7. FRANCIS LOVEJOY; m. Mary Bancroft, of Reading, Mass., 24 January, 1765. They resided in Amherst some years; rem. to Maine. Their children were—

- 35. *Francis*, b. 30 November, 1766.
- 36. *Mary*, b. 12 January, 1768; m. Edmund Ingalls 30 January, 1784.
- 37. *Hannah*, b. 17 May, 1770.
- 38. *Aaron*, b. 24 March, 1772.
- 39. *Samuel*, b. 31 May, 1774.
- 40. *Daniel*, b. 31 March, 1776; a clergyman; d. in Albion, Me., 11 October, 1833. He was the father of Elijah P. and Owen Lovejoy, of Illinois.
- 41. *Lucy*, b. 4 March, 1778.
- 42. *Luke*: d. 3 November, 1780, "in his first year."
- 43. *Abial*: d. 10 April, 1785, "in his third year."

V. 9. JOHN LOVEJOY, b. 24 September, 1751; m. Martha Odell. Their children were—

- 44. *John*, b. 6 July, 1776.
- 45. *Ebenezer Odell*, b. 13 June, 1778.
- 46. *Etta*, b. 8 October, 1780.
- 47. *Collins*, b. 22 November, 1782.
- 48. *Nathan*, b. 18 February, 1786.
- 49. *Parker*, b. 21 August, 1788.
- 50. *Jesse*, b. 22 August, 1790.
- 51. *Maria*, b. 12 April, 1794.
- 52. *Fanny Fisk*, b. 11 April, 1796.

V. 53. JOSHUA LOVEJOY, m. Sarah Perkins, of Middleton, Mass., and settled first in Andover, Mass. They rem. to Amherst about 1781, where he served on the board of selectmen several years. He was also town-clerk, and deacon in the church. In 1795 they rem. to Sanbornton, where he d. 28 January, 1832, aged 88. She d. 3 May, 1828, aged 83. He was a soldier in the French and Indian war, and was in the battle of Bunker Hill, where he was severely wounded. Their children were—

54. *Joshua*, b. 27 April, 1771; d. in New York city in August, 1824.

55. *Andrew*, b. 18 June, 1772. He was an active business man in Sanbornton many years. He d. at Harlem, Illinois, 16 April, 1856.

56. *Sarah*, b. 16 December, 1773.

57. *Henry*, b. 12 December, 1775.

58. *Phebe*, b. 12 June, 1778.

59. *Jonathan*, b. 25 March, 1780; m. Mary Taylor. He was the proprietor of Lovejoy's hotel, in New York city; d. in New York 2 March, 1845, and his remains were buried at Concord.

60. *Molly*, b. 2 March, 1782.

61. *Warren*, b. 9 September, 1785; m. Sally G., daughter of Abel Hutchins, of Concord; d. in Boston 30 October, 1829.

62. *Lydia*, b. 23 October, 1786.

63. *Perkins*, b. 19 May, 1792.

64. JOSEPH LOVEJOY, a soldier of the Revolution; d. in Mont Vernon 18 October, 1814, aged about 80 years. He m. Patience, daughter of William Bradford, 9 July, 1761. She d. in Amherst 3 March, 1826, aged about 85 years. Their children were—

65. *Sarah*, b. 6 May, 1762; m. †Daniel Kendall 14 February, 1786; d. in Mont Vernon 14 August, 1847.

66. *Edith*, b. 7 April, 1764; d. young.

67. *Patience*, b. 1 April, 1766; m. †William Small, jr., 1 February, 1787; d. in Morristown, Vt., 18 October, 1851.

68. *Susannah*, b. 11 June, 1769; m. †David Stewart 9 February, 1796; d. in Amherst 24 August, 1846.

69. *Polly*; m. James Dascomb 20 May, 1791; d. in Wilton 16 November, 1851.

70. *Betsey*; m. Benjamin Parker 10 October, 1794; d. in Amherst 25 September, 1839.

71. *Arethusa*; m. Asa Farnum 25 May, 1803.

72. *Joseph*; m. Mrs. Baker; d. in Salem, Mass., in November, 1821.

73. STEPHEN LOVEJOY, b. in Hollis 22 May, 1773; d. in Hollis 27 May, 1852; m. Betsey Hood 9 May, 1795. She was b. 12 February, 1777; d. 22 May, 1852. They resided in Amherst many years, on the road from Amherst to Milford, mid-way between the two villages. Their children were—

74. *Betsey*, b. 4 March, 1796; m. Hezekiah Hamblet 11 December, 1817; d. 3 November, 1848.

75. *Stephen*, b. 11 September, 1797; m. Lucy Hubbard 22 May, 1823; d. 10 August, 1878.

76. *Hannah*, b. 29 September, 1799; m. Osgood Hamblet 9 November, 1820.

77. *James*, b. 29 October, 1802; m. Ora Erskine 30 October, 1826; d. 15 December, 1876.

78. *Isaac*, b. 20 September, 1804; m. Sophia Truel 21 August, 1827; d. 19 February, 1880.

79. *Mary*, b. 20 April, 1808; m. Jacob Bickum 9 July, 1826; d. 21 November, 1832.

80. *Sarah*, b. 2 March, 1810; d. 3 August, 1813.

81. †*John*, b. 16 March, 1812.

82. *Sarah*, b. 20 March, 1814; d. 25 June, 1835; unmarried.

83. *Mark*, b. 6 April, 1816; m. Ann Came 29 February, 1842.

84. *Miles*, b. 3 August, 1818; m. Naomi Barrett 7 April, 1842; d. 27 August, 1871.

81. JOHN LOVEJOY, b. 16 March, 1812; d. 30 July, 1870; m. Eliza W. Nichols, of Merrimack, 19 March, 1833. She was b. 17 August, 1808. Their children were—

85. *Mary Eliza*, b. 21 March, 1834; m. Frank Follansbee 21 June, 1852; res. in Hollis.

86. *Martha A.*, b. and d. 5 November, 1835.

87. *Fanny S.*, b. 13 November, 1836; m. Charles H. Danforth 23 May, 1861; res. in Reading, Mass.

88. *Hattie T.*, b. 7 February, 1839; unmarried.

89. *Nellie S.*, b. 7 April, 1840; m. (1) J. M. Jaquith 10 August, 1862; m. (2) H. R. Wheeler 16 January, 1871; res. in Nashua.

90. *Myra E.*, b. 13 October, 1843; m. Wilson D. Forsaith 16 January, 1870.

91. *John G.*, b. 24 April, 1845; m. Annie E. Randall, of Ludlow, Vt., 7 March, 1870; res. in Manchester.

92. *Albin*, b. 3 May, 1847; d. 19 September, 1848.

93. *George A.*, b. 18 November, 1850; m. (1) Mary Dracy; m. (2) Effie McIntire; res. in Lowell, Mass.

94. *Lenora A.*, b. 28 July, 1854; m. Frank C. Kellogg 30 June, 1875; res. in Nashua.

95. JONATHAN LOVEJOY, b. in Methuen, Mass., 5 April, 1754; m. Tabitha Upton 31 July, 1777. She was b. in Reading, Mass., in 1751; d. 12 April, 1824. Their children were—

96. *Tabitha*, b. 15 September, 1778.

97. *Patty Upton*, b. 25 December, 1780.

98. *Phebe*, b. 22 February, 1783.

99. *Isaac Upton*, b. 10 March, 1785.

100. *Chloe*, b. 8 May, 1787.

101. *Polly*, b. 5 August, 1789.

102. *Jonathan*, b. 19 March, 1793; d. in 1827.

103. PETER LOVEJOY, b. 2 June, 1764; m. Lydia G. Bradford 3 October, 1786. Their children were—

104. *Lydia*, b. 20 August, 1788.

105. *Martha*, b. 3 January, 1791.

106. *Lucy*, b. 12 June, 1792.

107. *Betsey*, b. 15 November, 1794.

108. *Diademia*, b. 26 May, 1797.

109. *Relief Ingalls*, b. 14 February, 1800.

110. SAMUEL LOVEJOY, m. Elizabeth ———. Their children were—

111. *Elizabeth*, b. 12 April, 1786.

112. *Mille*, b. 13 October, 1789.

#### LOW—LOWE.

1. WILLIAM LOW, b. in Ipswich, Mass., 17 May, 1752; d. 11 September, 1826; m. Elizabeth Crosby, of Amherst, in 1778. She was b. in Monson 27 June, 1760; d. in Concord



25 March, 1836. He settled in Amherst prior to the Revolution; was a worthy and respected citizen, and one of the leaders of the Republican party of the olden time. He represented the town in the General Court in 1810-11-12 and 14. Their children were—

2. *William*, b. 20 April, 1779; m. Grace Gardner Nichols, of Amherst, 9 June, 1808; d. in Concord 9 May, 1847; no children.

3. *Betsey*, b. 3 August, 1781; d. 25 November, 1797.

4. *Sarah*, b. 4 July, 1783; m. Thomas M. Benden 29 January, 1821; d. 6 October, 1851; no children.

5. *Lorenzo*, } b. 26 September, 1785; d. 28 May, 1833.

6. *Louisa*, } d. 19 August, 1809.

7. *Mary*, b. 12 April, 1788; m. Zenas Wheeler, of New York, 22 February, 1821; d. 8 October, 1852.

8. *Joseph*, b. 24 July, 1790; m. Fanny Abbot, of Concord, 16 September, 1815; d. 28 August, 1859. He was the first mayor of Concord.

9. } d. 10 August, 1793.

10. } triplets; b. 23 June, 1793; d. 24 September, 1793.

11. } d. 25 November, 1798.

12. *John Adams*, b. 15 October, 1795; m. (1) Eliza Carlton, of Bath, 7 July, 1829; m. (2) Louisa Baldwin, of Newark, N. J.; m. (3) Eliza G. McCobb, of Waldoborough, Me., 15 August, 1818; d. at Haverhill, Mass., 1 December, 1865.

13. *DAVID LOWE*, b. in Fitchburg, Mass., 18 July, 1785; d. in Amherst 9 January, 1867; m. Betsey Damon 12 February, 1811. She was b. in Reading, Mass., 11 September, 1789; d. in Amherst 24 November, 1881. They settled in Amherst in 1838. Their children were—

14. *George*, b. 7 February, 1812; m. Salome Pebbles 13 January, 1835; has been for thirty years a resident in Illinois.

15. *Abigail S.*, b. 20 July, 1814; m. Luke Clark 21 February, 1839; settled in Troy.

16. *David Perkins*, b. 31 March, 1816; m. (1) Lucy Ann Damon. She d. 14 June, 1853. He m. (2) Susan Upham 14 June, 1855; settled at first in Amherst, but rem. to Troy.

17. *Cyrus C.*, b. 28 October, 1818; m. Cynthia Carter 16 June, 1842. After spending a few years in Amherst they "went west."

18. *Samuel*, b. 21 April, 1821; d. 15 June, 1821.

19. †*Newton*, b. 21 August, 1823; m. *Helen Richardson* 13 May, 1847; settled on the homestead.

20. *Mary E.*, b. 21 August, 1823; m. (1) *Charles A. Damon* 5 June, 1845. He was killed at Gettysburg 3 July, 1863. She m. (2) *Edson Davis* 8 October, 1869; res. in Nashua.

19. **NEWTON LOWE**, b. 21 August, 1823; m. *Helen Richardson* 13 May, 1847; settled on the homestead in Amherst, where she d. in 1866, aged 40 years. Their children were—

*Albert N.*, b. in 1848.

*Almira M.*, b. in 1848; m. *Sceva F. Chandler*, of Abington, Mass., 13 June, 1869.

*Ruby A.*, b. in 1852; m. *Charles B. Sargent* 19 April, 1880.

*Walter D.*, b. in 1855.

*Sarah L.*, b. in 1858.

#### LUND.

Children of **JONATHAN** and **PRISCILLA LUND** ;—

*Jonathan*, b. 25 July, 1771.

*David*, b. 10 June, 1773.

*Isaac*, b. 17 March, 1775.

*Hannah*, b. 13 January, 1777.

*Priscilla*, b. 25 January, 1779.

*Oliver*, b. 21 September, 1781.

*Mary*, b. 6 August, 1783; d. 8 September, 1786.

*Samuel*, b. 11 December, 1785.

*Ephraim*, b. 17 March, 1788; d. 30 March, 1788.

*Elizabeth*, b. 15 April, 1789.

**PHINEHAS LUND** d. of old age 2 December, 1818, aged 95.

#### LYNCH.

**ALEXANDER LYNCH** d. 10 March, 1877.

#### LYON.

**EBENEZER LYON** resided on the farm recently owned by *Samuel Wilkins*, near the Pauper Farm bridge. He d. 4 January, 1798, aged 88. His widow d. in June, 1806, aged 73.

## MACE.

1. JOSEPH and (2) LEVI MACE resided in Amherst some years. After leaving Amherst Joseph became blind. His children, b. in Amherst, were—

3. †*Joseph*, b. in 1810.

4. *Hiram*; m. Rosanna Cady, of Bedford, in 1837; resided in Bedford; "went west."

3. JOSEPH MACE, b. in 1810; m. Harriett E. Wheeler 23 November, 1837; d. 2 June, 1864. He was for some years one of the selectmen of the town, a useful and respected citizen. After his decease his widow m. (2) David Hutchinson, of Milford. Their children were—

5. †*Frank W.*, b. in 1839; m. Mary C. Averill, of Milford.

6. *John N.*, b. in 1841; a member of the 10th Regiment, N. H. Vols.; d. at Washington, D. C., 7 January, 1863.

7. *H. Augusta*, b. in 1844; m. Silas P. Parkhurst 3 April, 1861.

4. FRANK W. MACE; m. Mary C. Averill 21 January, 1859; res. in Amherst. Their children were—

8. *Carrie M.*

Two d. in infancy.

9. *Joseph*.

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*James C. Mace*; m. Achy Blood. He d. in February, 1824, aged 47. She d. 29 June, 1852, aged 67. Their son—

*James S. Mace*, m. Elizabeth J., daughter of David Stiles, Esq., of Temple.

## MACK.

I. JOHN MACK m. Isabella Brown in Ireland. They came from Londonderry, Ireland, in 1732, and settled in Londonderry, west parish, N. H. He was a blacksmith, and a specimen of his handiwork is preserved in the collections of the New Hampshire Historical Society. He d. in Londonderry in 1753, aged 55. His widow d. about 1770. Their children were—

1. †*William*.

5. *Martha*.

2. *Jeannette*.

6. *Elizabeth*.

3. *John*.

7. †*Andrew*.

4. *Robert*.

8. *Daniel*.





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*S. G. Mack*







II. 1. WILLIAM MACK remained in Ireland until he was 21 years of age. He then came to America and was a soldier in the French and Indian wars. After the expiration of his term of service in the army he m. Mary Hylands, sister of Mrs. Daniel Campbell, and settled on the farm recently occupied by Mr. John Roby, in the easterly part of the present town of Mont Vernon. Subsequently he rem. with his family to Londonderry, Vt. His children were—

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| 9. <i>Margaret.</i>  | 15. <i>Andrew.</i> |
| 10. <i>John.</i>     | 16. <i>Elijah.</i> |
| 11. <i>Oliver.</i>   | 17. <i>Mary.</i>   |
| 12. <i>Naomi.</i>    | 18. <i>Jane.</i>   |
| 13. <i>Ruth.</i>     | 19. <i>Jesse.</i>  |
| 14. <i>Jeanette.</i> |                    |

Some of his descendants now res. in Washington county, N. Y.

II. 7. ANDREW MACK settled in Londonderry; m. Elizabeth Clark. He d. in 1820, aged 72. She d. in 1830, aged 82. Their son—

III. 20. JOHN MACK, b. in Londonderry 7 August, 1780, resided in Temple, Wilton, and Amherst, where he carried on the blacksmithing business in connection with farming, and was widely known as a skillful workman and a worthy citizen. He was the first postmaster appointed in Wilton, and served on the board of selectmen in that town several years. He was also one of the selectmen of Amherst two years. In 1824 he purchased the "Kendrick" farm, in Amherst, to which he rem. from Wilton. This he sold to the town in 1831. He then rem. to the "Roby" farm, where he d. 16 July, 1854. He m. (1) Phebe Goodridge, daughter of Rev. Sewall Goodridge, of Lyndeborough, 22 June, 1807. She was b. in November, 1780; d. 16 September, 1815. He m. (2) Hannah Abbott, daughter of William Abbott, Esq., of Wilton, 22 January, 1818. She was b. 17 July, 1789; d. 27 August, 1871. Their children were—

21. *Andrew*, b. 31 May, 1808; m. Elizabeth Sawyer, of Hillsborough, 24 May, 1836; now res. in Orange, Mass. Their children are—



1. Chilion Edward, b. 4 January, 1839; m. Anna A. Woods 27 January, 1864; res. in Orange, Mass.
2. John Andrew, b. 17 October, 1847; res. in Boston, Mass.; unmarried.
22. Sewall, b. 9 November, 1809; d. 25 September, 1813.
23. John, jr., b. 7 March, 1811; m. Orpah Spalding; settled in Lowell, Mass.; d. at Baltimore, Md., 27 October, 1840; no children.
24. Sewall Goodridge, b. 3 November, 1818; m. Mrs. Orpah (Spalding) Mack; res. in Lowell, Mass.; has been alderman and mayor of the city. Their children were—
  1. Anna Maria, b. 12 November, 1849; d. 28 May, 1879; unmarried.
  2. Helen Spalding, b. 5 December, 1856.
25. Benjamin, b. 15 September, 1815; d. 17 January, 1850.
26. William A., b. 27 October, 1818; d. 25 May, 1822.
27. Charles E., b. 9 October, 1820; m. Louisa Curtis; went to California in 1849; res. at Sacramento; one child—
 

Charles E., jr., b. 3 July, 1859.
28. Phebe J., b. 31 August, 1822; m. Leonard Kimball 21 December, 1865; d. at Lowell, Mass., 17 April, 1880; one child—
 

Mary, b. 9 March, 1868.
29. Elizabeth C., b. 28 April, 1824; m. Ira Richardson, at Honolulu, S. I., 18 August, 1856. He was b. at Rochester, Vt., 9 September, 1816. Their children are—
  1. Arthur Wallis, b. 20 January, 1858.
  2. Ellen Elizabeth, b. 10 January, 1860; m. George W. Smith, of Honolulu, 14 September, 1892.
  3. Alice Mabel, b. 14 May, 1863.
30. †William A., b. 2 July, 1826; m. Mary J. Batchelder.
31. Maria L., b. 29 October, 1828; m. Daniel F. Mitchell 6 April, 1852. He d. 15 February, 1877, aged 54; res. in Lowell, Mass.; three children:—
  1. Fred Gilmore, b. 12 March, 1853.
  2. Maria E., b. 28 April, 1858.
  3. Charles Alfred, b. 21 June, 1860.
32. Hannah A., b. 5 December, 1832; d. 9 September, 1843.

IV. 30. WILLIAM ABBOTT MACK, b. 2 July, 1826; m. Mary Jane, daughter of Perley and Rebecca (Damon) Batchelder, of Mont Vernon, 10 December, 1862; resided

on the homestead in Amherst several years; was an efficient town officer during the civil war, and afterward representative in the General Court; rem. to Lowell, Mass., where he is now a member of the firm of S. G. Mack & Co. Their children, all b. in Amherst, were—

33. *Maria A.*, b. 1 February, 1864.

34. *Emma*, b. 18 April, 1866.

35. *William L.*, b. 13 July, 1868.

36. *Julia*, b. 27 July, 1870; d. 15 August, 1870.

#### MCALLISTER.

MRS. MARY MCALLISTER, of Stowe, Vt.; d. in Amherst 5 September, 1840, aged 62.

#### McALVIN.

ELEANOR McALVIN; d. 13 June, 1862, aged 74.

#### McCLUER.

1. ASA McCLUER, b. in Merrimack 28 August, 1793; d. in Amherst 4 June, 1870; m. Mary Allen 19 April, 1820. She was b. in Charlestown 4 April, 1798; d. in Amherst 3 September, 1859. Their children were—

2. *Mary Ann*, b. in Amherst 4 May, 1821; m. Enoch S. Rand, of Lowell, Mass., 30 October, 1849; res. in Lowell.

3. *Charles Underwood*, b. in Merrimack 4 June, 1823; went to California in 1849; d. there 1 December, 1870.

4. *Samuel Allen*, b. in Merrimack 6 September, 1826; d. in Marlborough, Mass., 27 December, 1849.

5. *Martha Abigail*, b. in Merrimack 15 April, 1829; m. † Aaron S. Wilkins 18 November, 1852.

6. † *George Appleton*, b. in Merrimack 8 July, 1831; m. (1) Malvina Merrill in 1853; m. (2) Lucy W. Melendy 6 June, 1860.

7. *James Gilmore*, b. in Amherst 2 June, 1834; m. (1) Sarah Leach in 1858; m. (2) Fanny Leach.

8. *Angeline Eliza*, b. 4 September, 1836; m. Josiah Warren, of New Boston, 30 September, 1858.

9. *Nancy Wason*, b. 13 March, 1839; m. J. Parker Ferry, of Deer-  
ing, 6 November, 1867.

10. *Frances Haseltine*, b. 20 March, 1842; m. George Hobson of Lowell, Mass., 13 September, 1877.

6. GEORGE A. McCLUER; m. (1) Malvina Merrill in 1853; m. (2) Lucy W. Melendy 6 June, 1860. He was a captain in the volunteer service in the civil war, and was killed in Georgia 12 May, 1863. His widow d. 11 May, 1873. Their children were—

11. *James Everett*; d. 5 August, 1860, aged 5 years and 4 months.

12. *Lucy Abbie*, b. 4 April, 1862.

MISS REBECCA A. McCLUER, a deaf mute, d. from injuries received in a fall 6 July, 1867, aged 40.

#### McCONIHIE.

1. HUGH McCONIHIE: m. Nancy, daughter of Dea. John Hartshorn. She d. 27 August, 1856, aged 67. Their children were—

2. †*John H.*, b. 8 March, 1810; m. (1) Martha G. Mussey; m. (2) Naomi S. W. Underwood.

3. *Levi*, b. in June, 1812; m. Almira Cash. She d. 29 July, 1854, aged 44. He d. in Fitchburg, Mass., 11 April, 1873, aged 60.

4. *Jane*; m. Jonathan D. Hutchinson; res. in Malone, N. Y.

5. *Luther*; m. Susan Ball, of Milford; res. in Jacksonville, Fla.

2. JOHN H. McCONIHIE, b. 8 March, 1810; m. (1) Martha G. Mussey 28 February, 1832. She was b. 28 August, 1806; d. 7 August, 1841. He m. (2) Mrs. Naomi S. W. Underwood 29 September, 1843. She was b. in Mont Vernon 9 February, 1816. He res. on the place once owned by his grand-father, Dea. John Hartshorn. Their children were—

6. *Naomi M.*, b. 24 December, 1833; m. Alfred Wilder, of New Boston, 8 January, 1856; res. in Ashby, Mass.

7. *Martha J.*, b. 18 March, 1839; d. 7 April, 1845.

8. *Mary K.*, b. 4 July, 1844; m. George O. Farley 2 April, 1867; d. in Nashua 13 August, 1876.

9. *Emily A.*, b. 7 April, 1846; m. Frank B. French 3 May, 1869; res. in Milford.

3. LEVI McCONIHIE, b. in June, 1812; d. in Fitchburg 11 April, 1873; m. Almira Cash. She d. 29 July, 1854, aged 44. Their children were—

10. *Abby.*

11. *Adeline*; m. (1) Elbridge G. Hardy; m. (2) Francis C. Frost, of Milford, 5 January, 1869.

12. *A son*; d. in infancy.

13. *Susan.*

### McGREGORE.

MRS. ELIZABETH MCGREGORE; d. in June, 1837, aged 74.

### McINTIRE.

ELIAS McINTIRE, formerly of Amherst; d. in Lyndeborough 3 August, 1879, aged 96 years and 8 months.

MRS. JANE McINTIRE; d. in March, 1854, aged 69.

### McKEAN.

I. 1. JAMES McKEAN; resided in the north of Ireland and was a staunch Protestant. He took an active part in the memorable defence of Londonderry, against the army of King James. He had three sons:—

2. *James.*

4. *William.*

3. *John.*

John d. in Ireland, and James, with the widow of John and her children, emigrated to Londonderry in 1718. William emigrated to Pennsylvania in 1728, and some of his descendants have held high official positions in that state.

III. 5. SAMUEL McKEAN, son of (3) John, who came with his mother to Londonderry, was the father of ten children—

6. *Hugh.*

11. *William.*

7. *John.*

12. *Mary.*

8. *Robert.*

13. *Mortha.*

9. *James.*

14. *Agnes.*

10. †*Samuel.*

15. *Jane.*

IV. 10. SAMUEL McKEAN; m. Jane Graham; settled in Amherst in 1761, on the farm now occupied by James Alexander, in Mont Vernon, where he remained until about 1775, when he rem. to Windham. He afterward

resided in Belfast, Me., and finally, with his sons, in Acworth, where he d. Their children were—

16. *Hugh*, b. 14 January, 1755; m. (1) ——— *Danforth*; m. (2) *Mary Gregg*; settled in Acworth about 1784.

17. *Agnes*, b. 24 March, 1756.

18. *Samuel*, b. 18 February, 1758.

19. *John*, b. 24 April, 1760; m. (2) *Martha Dunn*; settled in Acworth about 1784.

20. *Janet*, b. 15 February, 1762.

21. *Martha*, b. 20 December, 1763.

22. *Ephraim*, b. 21 January, 1766.

23. *June*, b. 25 February, 1768.

24. *Keziah*, b. 16 December, 1769.

25. *Isaac*, b. 30 September, 1771.

26. *Abner Graham*, b. 4 January, 1774.

27. DAVID DANFORTH MCKEAN, son of (16) *Hugh McKean*; m. *Lydia Page*. They settled first in Acworth; rem. thence to Antrim, and from Antrim to Bedford. Their children were—

28. †*David Danforth*, b. in Acworth 28 November, 1809.

29. *Daniel P.*

30. †*Isaac P.*, b. in Antrim 20 August, 1812.

31. *Hugh*, b. in Bedford.

VII. 28. DAVID DANFORTH MCKEAN, b. in Acworth 28 November, 1809; d. in Amherst 25 May, 1877; m. (1) *Elizabeth P. Blanchard* 8 November, 1836. She was b. in Milford 5 May, 1818; d. 13 April, 1865. He m. (2) *Sarah M. Hodgman*, of Hollis, 24 June, 1869. His children were—

32. *Calista Ann*, b. 23 January, 1838; d. 29 January, 1838.

33. *Elizabeth Cornelia*, b. 7 June, 1840; m. *Henry W. Look*, of Tisbury, Mass., 15 March, 1880.

34. *Almeda Towne*, b. 5 January, 1846; m. *Edward L. Hodgman*, of Hollis, 23 January, 1868; two children.

VII. 30. ISAAC P. MCKEAN, b. in Antrim 20 August, 1812; came to Amherst from Bedford in November, 1832,

and worked in the whip factory of Melendy & David several years; also at the carpenter business; m. Elizabeth W. Gardner 9 August, 1836. Their children were—

35. *Priscilla Woodbury*, b. 15 September, 1837; res. in Amherst; unmarried.

36. *Louisa*, b. 1 August, 1842; d. 13 September, 1843.

37. *Charles Henry Hamilton*, b. 15 August, 1846; res. in Lawrence, Mass.

### MANNING.

1. JOHN MANNING, a soldier in the Revolution, was b. in Middlesex county, Mass., 14 June, 1749; d. in Mont Vernon 5 August, 1829; m. Lydia Pike, of Amherst, 15 February, 1784. She was b. 22 March, 1768; d. 2 February, 1834. Their son—

2. †*Enoch*, was b. 11 September, 1784.

2. ENOCH MANNING, b. in Amherst 11 September, 1784; d. in Lima, S. A., 11 June, 1822; m. Mary Farrington, of Lynn, Mass. She was b. 17 May, 1786; d. in February, 1815. Their children were—

3. *Lydia Ann*, b. in Salem, Mass., 29 August, 1809; m. Seth Whitford, of Nashua, 19 February, 1835; d. 15 December, 1881.

4. *Matilda M.*, b. in Salem, Mass., 5 July, 1812; unmarried; res. in Nashua.

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*Joseph Manning*; d. 11 June, 1860, aged 77.

*Nancy*, widow of Joseph Manning; d. 13 April, 1874, aged 76.

*Mary Ann*, wife of William Manning; d. in December, 1836, aged 25.

*Salathiel Manning*; d. in October, 1828, aged 48.

*Benjamin F.*, son of Salathiel Manning; d. 26 October, 1817.

### MARBLE.

Children of SAMUEL and LUCY MARBLE;—

*Bailey*, b. 30 April, 1817.

*Tylah Merrill*, b. 9 September, 1818.

## MARDEN.

SUSAN MARDEN; d. 24 August, 1843, aged 55.

## MARSH.

JOSEPH MARSH; d. in April, 1817, aged 40.

## MARVELL.

JOHN MARVELL; d. 5 August, 1834, aged 44.

## MAYNARD.

*Elizabeth Ann*, daughter of Rev. Lyman Maynard; d. 31 January, 1835, aged 18 months.

## MAXFIELD.

MOSES MAXFIELD; d. 5 December, 1859, aged 19.

## MAXWELL.

1. THOMPSON MAXWELL, b. in Bedford, Mass., 11 September, 1742; d. in Ohio in 1834; m. (1) Sibyl Wyman in 1764. She d. in Ohio in 1802; m. (2) Mrs. Little 6 July, 1807. He settled in Amherst in 1764, and with his family rem. to Buckland, Mass., in 1777, thence, at a later date, to Butler county, Ohio. His children, b. in Amherst, were—

2. *Joshua*, b. 19 May, 1767; d. 25 February, 1768.

3. *Joshua*, b. 29 May, 1769.

4. *Thompson*, b. 12 October, 1771.

5. *Betsey*, b. 20 February, 1773; d. 16 June, 1776.

## MEANS.



RESIDENCE OF THE LATE HON. ROBERT MEANS, ON AMHERST  
PLAIN, NOW THE RESIDENCE OF GEORGE KENT.

Built about 1790.

1. **ROBERT MEANS**, son of Thomas Means, was b. in Stewartstown, Ireland, 23 August, 1742; d. in Amherst 24 January, 1823; m. Mary McGregore, daughter of Rev. David McGregore, of Londonderry, 24 November, 1774. She was b. 6 December, 1752; d. 14 January, 1838. Their children were—

2. *Thomas*, b. 22 November, 1775; d. in Georgia in October, 1821.

3. *Mary*, b. 20 October, 1777; d. 12 April, 1858; m. Hon. Jeremiah Mason 6 November, 1799. Their children were—

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| 1. George.                                | 5. Jeremiah. |
| 2. Mary Elizabeth.                        | 6. Jane.     |
| 3. Alfred.                                | 7. Robert M. |
| 4. James.                                 | 8. Charles.  |
| 9. Mary Ann (now Mrs. Commodore Ellison). |              |



4. *Elizabeth*, b. 8 September, 1779; m. †Rev. Jesse Appleton.
5. †*David McGregore*, b. 28 September, 1781.
6. *Nancy*, b. 28 October, 1783; d. 27 November, 1866; the last survivor of the family. She m. (1) Hon. Caleb Ellis 4 February, 1816; m. (2) Hon. Amos Lawrence, of Boston, Mass., 16 April, 1821. Her children (both by the second marriage) were—

1. *Mary*.

2. *Robert*.

7. *Robert, jr.*, b. 23 January, 1786; d. at Lowell, Mass., 26 September, 1842; m. (1) Mary E. Dinsmore, daughter of Hon. Samuel Dinsmore, of Keene, 30 June, 1823; m. (2) Abby A. Kent, daughter of Hon. Amos Kent, of Chester, 28 October, 1834; no children.

8. *Isaac*, b. 25 March, 1788; d. 27 April, 1788.

9. *Jane*, b. 7 August, 1789; d. 2 November, 1805.

10. *Mary Ann*, b. 23 December, 1792; d. 27 September, 1812.

DAVID MCGREGORE MEANS, b. 28 September, 1781; d. 5 March, 1835; succeeded his father in the mercantile business. He was an active, public-spirited citizen, an officer in the militia, and represented the town two years in the General Court. He m. Catherine, daughter of Hon. Joshua Atherton, 12 January, 1808. She was b. in June, 1784; d. 17 January, 1838. Their children were—

11. *Robert*, b. 19 February, 1809; m. (1) E. W. Clarke; m. (2) S. J. James. He d. in Beaufort, S. C., 24 April, 1863.

12. *Mary Jane*, b. 1 January, 1811; m. Rev. Frederick A. Adams 23 October, 1839; d. in Orange, N. J., 28 March, 1882.

13. *James*, b. 27 April, 1813; m. E. P. Johnson; d. in Newbern, N. C., in April, 1863.

14. *William Gordon*, b. 27 April, 1815; m. Martha Allen; res. in Andover, Mass.

15. *Catherine*, b. 22 May, 1817; m. Hon. N. Cleveland.

16. *Nancy Ellis*, b. 8 March, 1819; unmarried.

17. *Eliza Frances*, b. 5 April, 1822; m. Hon. E. B. Bigelow.

18. *Helen McGregore*, b. 21 December, 1824; m. Rev. D. P. Noyes.

19. *Rebecca Wentworth*, b. 29 March, 1828; m. (1) Robert Appleton; m. (2) Henry Upham; d. in Longwood, Mass., in 1859.

### MELENDY.

Three brothers of this family came from England to Massachusetts prior to 1729 and settled in Essex county. One



W. B. Means





*Wm G Means*



married but left no descendants. Another, who settled in Reading, married and left quite a family.

I. 1. WILLIAM MELENDY, the third of the brothers, settled first in Medford; m. Elizabeth Lamson, of Reading, 6 June, 1728, and afterward rem. to that town. She was a sister of Samuel Lamson, one of the two first settlers in Souhegan West, and was b. in Reading 21 August, 1709. They rem. to Amherst in 1761, where he d. early in 1778. His will was presented for probate 25 March of that year.

He was a cooper and was for a long time engaged in the manufacture of molasses hogsheads, the materials for which he would prepare at home, and go with them to the West Indies, where he put them together. A wine guage which he used about his business, bearing the date of 1727, is now in the possession of one of his descendants. Their children were—

2. † William, b. 5 April, 1729.
3. Richard : settled in Reading, Mass., where he died.
4. Rebecca : m. Timothy Damon.
5. Sarah, b. 5 February, 1739; m. Josiah Breed; settled in Millbury, Mass.
6. Samuel, b. 10 November, 1741; settled in Guilford, Vt., and d. there.
7. Hannah, b. 2 April, 1744; d. young.
8. Mary, b. 7 August, 1746.
9. † Thomas, b. 2 March, 1749.
10. Hannah, b. 2 June, 1751; m. † Ephraim French; d. in Amherst 28 March, 1793.

II. 2. WILLIAM MELENDY, b. in Reading 5 April, 1729; d. in Amherst 15 February, 1813; m. Hepsibah, daughter of Nathaniel Emerson, of Reading. She was b. 10 July, 1729; d. 15 October, 1785. He m. (2) Abigail (Nichols) Carter. She was b. 1 August, 1738; d. in April, 1825. Their children were—

11. Hepsibah, b. 21 May, 1754; m. Richard Finch 3 November, 1779; settled in Peterborough where he d. in 1797. After his death she rem. to Waltham, Mass., where she d. 11 February, 1837.

12. † *William*, b. 6 March, 1756.
13. † *Nathaniel*, b. 29 April, 1759.
14. *Mary*, b. 7 November, 1764; d. young.

II. 9. **THOMAS MELENDY**, b. in Reading 2 March, 1749; d. in Amherst 28 November, 1842; m. Sarah Patterson, of Londonderry, 25 December, 1783. She was b. 14 July, 1759; d. 16 June, 1820. He was a soldier in the war for independence, and at its close settled on the farm on Chestnut Hill since occupied by his son, Capt. Luther Melendy. Their children were—

15. *Peter*, b. 1 October, 1784; enlisted in the U. S. army in 1813; served a short time in the infantry; was transferred to the artillery service in which he served as lieutenant, and was employed in garrison duty at Fort Constitution, near Portsmouth. He d. in Amherst 15 May, 1823; never married.

16. *John*, b. 27 July, 1784; m. Polly Swasey, of Newbury, Vt., in 1819; rem. to Cincinnati, Ohio, where he resided forty years. He then rem. to Cedar Falls, Iowa, where he d. 14 September, 1869; no children.

17. *Elizabeth*, b. 5 March, 1788; d. in Amherst 12 March, 1856; unmarried.

18. *Thomas Wilson*, b. 20 December, 1789; m. Clara Smith Wilkins 19 August, 1819. He d. in Jacksonville, Ill., 1 August, 1881, aged 91 years. She d. 1 August, 1867; four children.

19. *James*, b. 10 October, 1791; m. Susan Smith; settled in Cincinnati, Ohio, and d. there 6 November, 1848, leaving two sons and two daughters.

20. † *Luther*, b. 2 June, 1793.

III. 12. **WILLIAM MELENDY**, b. 6 March, 1756; d. 9 April, 1814; m. Abigail Badger, of Reading, Mass., 28 December, 1780. She was b. 28 June, 1762; d. 17 January, 1834. They settled in Amherst. Their children were—

21. † *William*, b. 13 November, 1781.

22. *Daniel*, } b. 21 November, 1784; d. 27 Jan. 1814; unmarried.

23. *Abigail*, } d. 26 April, 1830; unmarried.

24. *Mercy Jarvis*, b. 14 June, 1787; d. in Amherst 1 December, 1854; unmarried.

25. *Hepsibah*, b. 22 March, 1791; d. in Amherst 8 August, 1877; unmarried.

26. *Sarah*, b. 11 November, 1792.

27. *Rebecca*, b. 22 February, 1795; m. Thomas Badger 15 December, 1818; d. 11 November, 1852. He d. in Boston, Mass., 3 February, 1868, aged 64.

28. †*Frances*, b. 10 August, 1797; m. †Robert Boutell.

29. †*Samuel Badger*, b. 22 December, 1799.

30. *Elizabeth Welch*, b. 10 October, 1802; m. †Barnabas B. David.

III. 13. NATHANIEL MELENDY, b. 29 April, 1759; d. 18 July, 1848; m. Elizabeth Hutchinson, of Pepperell, Mass., 29 August, 1781. She was b. 28 March, 1761; d. 9 May, 1847. They settled in the Chestnut Hill district on the farm lately occupied by Capt. Charles Melendy. Their children were—

31. †*Nathaniel*, b. 11 December, 1782; m. Priscilla Stearns in 1806; settled in Cambridge, Vt.; d. 12 February, 1862; ten children.

32. *William*, b. 11 December, 1782; m. Elizabeth Johnson 1 March, 1809. She was b. in Boston, Mass., 25 July, 1787; d. at Cambridge, Vt., 10 April, 1866. He d. 17 September, 1840; ten children.

33. *Charlotte*, b. 5 September, 1784; d. 25 September, 1785.

34. *Charlotte*, b. 10 April, 1786; d. 5 March, 1817; unmarried.

35. *Josiah Newhall*, b. 17 March, 1788; m. Lucy Arbuckle 5 February, 1817. They settled in Cambridge, Vt., but in 1850 rem. to York, Carroll county, Ill., where he d. in February, 1860; six children.

36. *Polly*, b. 8 November, 1790; m. †Stephen Gould; d. 16 July, 1867.

37. *Samuel*, b. 3 February, 1793; resided in Cambridge, Vt.; d. in Jericho, Vt., 4 October, 1877; unmarried.

38. *Betsy*, b. 25 January, 1795; d. 20 March, 1880; unmarried; res. and d. in Amherst.

39. †*Charles*, b. 1 June, 1797.

40. †*Bryant*, b. 22 November, 1800.

III. 20. LUTHER MELENDY, b. 2 June, 1793; m. Lucinda, daughter of Simeon Kenney, Esq., of Merrimack, 31 May, 1825. She was b. 10 August, 1800; no children. They settled on the farm on Chestnut Hill cleared by his father, which he carried on successfully for several years. For many years he was an active member of the Congregational church. He was one of the first to engage in the anti-sla-



very movement, which he advocated and defended against the most determined opposition, and lived to see crowned with success.

IV. 21. WILLIAM MELENDY, b. 13 November, 1781; d. 12 March, 1858; was a prominent and useful citizen of the town; resided in the "Cricket Corner" district. He m. (1) Lucy Winchel Edes 26 May, 1811. She d. 26 June, 1812. He m. (2) Abigail, daughter of John Jones, of Boston, 26 December, 1821. She was b. 15 March, 1801; d. 19 January, 1868. Their children were—

41. *Martha Louisa*, b. 30 March, 1812; d. 11 July, 1814.

42. *Lucy Winchel*, b. 13 January, 1823; d. 9 October, 1833.

43. *Daniel Webster*, b. 2 June, 1825.

44. *William Pinckney*, b. 17 September, 1827; d. 25 August, 1829.

45. *Elizabeth Frances*, b. 2 February, 1830; d. 15 September, 1861; unmarried.

46. *Abby Louisa*, b. 27 June, 1832; m. Frank N. Boutwell 13 May, 1857; d. 15 January, 1865.

47. *Lucy Winchel*, b. 26 January, 1835; m. George A. McCluer 6 June, 1850; d. 11 March, 1873. He was shot in Georgia 12 May, 1863, aged 32 years.

48. † *William*, b. 18 June, 1838.

49. *Cordeia Maria*, b. 30 April, 1841; d. 19 August, 1866; unm.

50. † *Albert David*, b. 31 December, 1843; m. Ella S. Richards, of Nashua, 20 August, 1868.

IV. 29. SAMUEL BADGER MELENDY, b. 22 December, 1799; d. 7 November, 1877; carried on the whip manufacturing business, in company with his brother-in-law, Barnabas B. David, many years on "the Plain," furnishing employment to quite a number of people. He was a public-spirited and worthy citizen; m. Everline, daughter of Caleb Boutell, 22 December, 1825. Their children were—

51. † *George Boutell*, b. 17 September, 1826; m. Abby Eastman; res. in New York city.

52. *Abby Badger*, b. 18 November, 1830; unmarried.

53. *Everline Sophia*, b. 8 October, 1833; m. (1) George W. Page 24 November, 1853. He d. 22 December, 1855; m. (2) †Levi Hartshorn.

54. *Rebecca Converse*, b. 11 June, 1837; unmarried.

IV. 31. NATHANIEL MELENDY, b. 11 December, 1782; d. in Cambridge, Vt., 12 February, 1862; m. Priscilla, daughter of John Stearns, in 1806. They resided in Amherst a short time after their marriage, where their oldest child,—

55. *Harriet*, was b. 3 April, 1807; m. Robert Wallace. Their children were—

1. Caroline; m. Joseph B. Morgan.
2. Ira; m. Maria Barrett, of New York.
3. Charles; m. Eliza Morgan, of Cambridge, Vt.
4. Rebecca; m. Harrison Warner, of Cambridge.
5. Adeline; m. Parker Page, of Cambridge.
6. Esther Maria; m. John Wilson, of Cambridge.
7. Alfred.
8. Joel C.
9. Sophronia.

IV. 39. CAPT. CHARLES MELENDY, b. 1 June, 1797; settled on Chestnut Hill; m. (1) Nancy, daughter of John and Susannah Smith, of Hollis, 5 October, 1825. She was b. 27 February, 1805; d. 23 June, 1831. He m. (2) Mrs. Sarah Lawrence, of Pepperell, Mass., 25 December, 1861. She d. 26 August, 1868. Their children were—

56. *Nancy Augusta*, b. 24 March, 1826; d. 17 August, 1876; unm.

57. *Caroline M.*, b. 11 November, 1827; m. Moses E. Griffin, of Pepperell, Mass., 22 February, 1859; three children.

58. *Charles Augustine*, b. 4 December, 1829; m. Lizzie M. Smith in York, Carroll county, Ill., 14 November, 1867; four children.

59. *Lucy Elizabeth*, b. 28 October, 1831; m. Frederick G. Heustis, of York, Ill., 8 December, 1856.

60. *Abigail F.*, b. 29 November, 1833; d. 3 November, 1862; unm.

61. *George W.*, b. 29 November, 1835; d. 14 September, 1861; unmarried.

62. *John B.*, b. 26 March, 1838; m. Lydia, daughter of Freeman Hutchinson, of Milford, 25 November, 1860; two children.

63. *Susan S.*, b. 12 February, 1840; m. †James O. Carter, of Amherst, in November, 1860; d. 11 September, 1861.

64. *Mary Ann*, b. 22 December, 1841; m. Albert Jenness, of Bedford, 17 April, 1861. They res. in York, Ill.; four children.

65. *James Arnold*, b. 20 July, 1844.

66. *Emerline J.*, b. 15 June, 1848; d. 28 August, 1861.

67. *Emerson H.*, b. 26 December, 1852; d. 27 September, 1861.

IV. 40. BRYANT MELENDY, b. 22 November, 1800; settled in Amherst; m. Clarinda, daughter of Solomon and Mary (Mussey) Prince, 28 January, 1830. She was b. 18 March, 1805; d. 6 March, 1870. Their children were—

68. *Frederick B.*, b. 23 October, 1831; d. 16 August, 1834.

69. *Ellen H.*, b. 4 August, 1833; res. in Amherst; unmarried.

70. *Bryant Hutchinson*, b. 24 February, 1836; m. S. Jennette Smith of Keesville, N. Y., at Battle Creek, Mich., 11 May, 1878.

71. *Clarinda Frances*, b. 11 March, 1838; res. in Amherst; unm.

72. *Hamilton*, b. 7 December, 1839.

73. *James*, b. 27 June, 1842.

74. *Nathaniel M.*, b. 29 April, 1846.

V. 48. WILLIAM MELENDY, b. 18 June, 1838; m. Annie S. Hodgkiss, of Boston, Mass., 8 October, 1868. She was b. in Dudley, England. Their children were—

75. *Cordelia Maria*, b. 12 March, 1870.

76. *Amelia Lucy*, b. 25 December, 1871.

77. *William Samuel*, b. 16 April, 1873.

V. 50. ALBERT DAVID MELENDY, b. 31 December, 1843; m. Ella S. Richards, of Nashua, 20 August, 1868. Their son

78. *Albert N. C.*, was b. in Nashua 19 June, 1869.

V. 51. GEORGE BOUTELL MELENDY, b. 17 September, 1826; d. 24 February, 1883; m. Abby, daughter of Cyrus Eastman, 30 January, 1849. Was a civil engineer and res. in New York city. Their children were—

79. *Helena Eastman*, b. in Amherst 26 January, 1852.

80. *Louisa*: d. at the age of five years.

81. *George Eldredge*; is now (1882) a student in Dartmouth College.

82. *Ann Eliza*; d. in infancy.

V. 83. HAMILTON MELENDY, grandson and adopted son of Nathaniel Melendy, was b. in Amherst 14 September, 1808; d. in Bedford 23 January, 1880; m. Ruth Gerry, of Hillsborough, 29 March, 1842. She was b. in 1817; d. 27 February, 1856. Their child—

84. *John Gerry Hamilton*, was b. 8 February, 1856.

### MELVIN.

DAVID MELVIN d. 22 November, 1827, aged 69. He m. Mary, daughter of Lieut. Joseph Prince, 20 September, 1788. She d. 6 September, 1844, aged 84. They settled in the easterly part of the town on the Bedford road, about half a mile from Bedford line. Their children were—

*David*; m. Mary J. Swett, of Bedford, 13 April, 1819; settled on the homestead. A few years before his death he rem. to Nashua, where he d. 12 January, 1861, aged 72 years; no children.

*Betsy*; m. Gardner Holmes, of Hopkinton, in February, 1826.

*Hannah*; m. David Weston 8 August, 1827.

*Joseph*.

*Samuel*, b. 3 July, 1804; m. Nancy Swett, of Bedford, in 1831; d. in Hooksett 5 October, 1859; no children.

*Franklin*.

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Two or three children of this family d. of dysentery in 1800.

### MELZAR.

ABRAHAM MELZAR, b. in Marblehead; resided in Amherst some years; m. Lovisa Jones, of Hillsborough. He d. in Hudson 13 February, 1864, aged 80. Their children were—

*Sarah*; m. George Danforth, of Amherst.

*Sophia*; d. unmarried, aged 21. *Elizabeth*; d. young.

*Catharine*; d. young. *Harriett*; res. in Milford.

*Ezra*; married; res. in Milford. *Josephine*; res. in Milford.

*Adeline*; d. unmarried, aged 37. *Joanna*; d. aged 10.

*Almira*; res. in Nashua.

## MERRILL.

1. BENJAMIN and ELIZABETH MERRILL resided in the north-east part of the town, on the road to Bedford north-west parish. He d. 9 April, 1815. Their children were—

2. †*Benjamin*, b. 25 August, 1768.
3. *Elizabeth*, b. 21 July, 1770 ; m. ——— Swington.
4. *John*, b. 3 July, 1772.
5. *Daniel*, b. 5 September, 1774 ; m. Hannah Stevens 26 November, 1799.
6. *Sarah*, b. 5 March, 1777.
7. *Jonathan*, b. 25 June, 1779 ; m. Polly Pike 10 July, 1803.
8. *Edmund*, b. 18 August, 1781.
9. *Joshua*.

The children of (2) BENJAMIN, JR., and PHEBE MERRILL were—

10. *Susannah*, b. 10 November, 1792.
11. *Nabby*, b. 12 April, 1794.
12. *Elizabeth*, b. 25 August, 1795.
13. *Sally*.

The children of (14) NATHAN and SUSANNAH MERRILL were—

15. *Nathan*, b. 5 October, 1788.
16. *Susannah*, b. 17 June, 1791.

*Mark Merrill*, formerly of Amherst, d. in Lowell, Mass., 7 November, 1879, aged 73.

*Betsy*, wife of Mark Merrill, d. 4 March, 1874, aged 61 years and 11 months.

*Rebecca Merrill*, d. 25 December, 1876, aged 77 years and 2 months.

*Sarah Merrill*, d. 13 June, 1845, aged 48.

*Luke D. Merrill*, d. 20 June, 1862, aged 19 years and three months.

## MILLS.

CAPT. JOHN MILLS, an officer in the battles of Bunker Hill and Bennington, also in Capt. Wilkins's company at "the Cedars," where he was taken prisoner, was for several years an active and prominent citizen of the north-west parish, now Mont Vernon. He m. Keziah Lyou, who d. in

Windham, Vt., in 1824. He also d. in Windham, whither they had rem. some years before, in 1812. Their children were—

1. *Abigail*, b. 1 August, 1766; m. — Witherspoon; rem. to Maine, where she died.
2. *Ebenezer*, b. 23 April, 1770; m. Hannah W. Upton, of Amherst. He d. in the army at Burlington, Vt., in 1812.
3. †*John*, b. 24 April, 1772.
4. *Keziah*, b. 11 June, 1774; m. Jonathan Sherwin; rem. to Landgrove, Vt., and d. there.
5. *Betsy*, m. John Dudley; they rem. to Windham, Vt.; she afterward removed to Canada with her son, and d. there.

3. JOHN MILLS m. Ednah Wilkins. He left his family, went to Nova Scotia, and d. there. Their children were—

*Polly*, b. 16 January, 1793.

*Hezekiah*, b. 15 December, 1795.

#### MOOR.—MOORE.

JOHN MOOR, son of Rev. Solomon Moor, first minister of New Boston; was b. 17 October, 1782; d. in Amherst 28 October, 1862; m. (1) Mehitable Ray, of Mont Vernon, 21 November, 1804; she d. 25 December, 1832; m. (2) *Martha* (Sprague) Morrison, of Bedford; she d. 20 November, 1866. He commenced business as a merchant in Amherst about 1836. His children, by his first wife, were—

2. *Solomon*, b. 4 July, 1805; d. 6 March, 1872; m. —; she d. 9 July, 1850.
3. †*James R.*, b. 13 October, 1806; m. (1) Ruth C. Nash, 6 April, 1848; she d. 16 December, 1863; m. (2) Abbie Farnham, 21 November, 1867.
4. *Sabrina R.*, b. 11 March, 1808; m. Daniel Campbell, of New Boston; d. 11 February, 1846.
5. *Frances Smith*, b. 6 February, 1810; m. Alfred E. Cochran; d. 9 August, 1830.
6. *John Hamilton*, b. 13 September, 1811; m. Sarah C. Spalding, of Nashua.
7. *Eliza Ann*, b. 31 July, 1813; m. Samuel Leach.

8. *Levi W.*, b. 12 May, 1815 ; d. 19 November, 1838.
9. *Alfred*, b. 8 July, 1817 ; d. 9 September, 1836.
10. *Mehitable Ray*, b. 15 September, 1819 ; m. *Frank Mead*, of Littleton, Mass.
11. *Nancy*, b. 2 December, 1822 ; m. *William D. Clark*, of New Boston, 30 December, 1847.
12. *George R.*, b. 15 December, 1824 ; m. *Nancy B. Johnson* 15 November, 1855 ; she d. 9 August, 1862.

Children by second wife—

13. *Frances M.*, b. 5 April, 1837.
14. *Alfred S.*, b. 29 August, 1839 ; m. *Mrs. Ella S. Huntley*, of Nashua, 24 February, 1875.
15. *Ellen M.*, b. 10 June, 1842 ; m. *Albert F. Adams*, of Nashua, 12 November, 1867.
16. *William D.*, b. 28 February, 1845.

3. **JAMES R. MOOR**, b. in New Boston, 13 October, 1806 ; m. (1) *Ruth C. Nash* 6 April 1848 ; she d. 16 December, 1863 ; m. (2) *Abbie Farnham* 21 November, 1867. They res. in the house on Amherst Plain, formerly occupied by *Hon. Edmund Parker*. Their children are—

17. *Annie M.*, b. 2 December, 1862.
18. *Gracie R.*, b. 23 December, 1875.

**HUGH MOORE**, a soldier of the revolution, b. in 1766 ; d. 7 March, 1854 ; m. *Susannah McAllister*, of Bedford, 21 March, 1792. She was b. in 1772 ; d. 8 June, 1842. In his youth he lived with *Mr. Samuel Henry* on the farm afterward occupied by *Zaccheus Greeley*. He lived in Bedford, Claremont, Merrimack, and Amherst, carrying on the tailoring, and toward the close of his life the watch-making, business. Their children were—

1. *Sophia*, b. in Bedford 18 March, 1793.
2. *Harriett*, b. in Claremont 13 March, 1795 ; m. — *Read* ; d. in Nashua 26 February, 1840.
3. *Mary*, b. in Bedford, 19 November, 1796 ; m. (1) *Capt. Elijah Mansur* 24 August, 1820 ; m. (2) *Jacob Duncklee*, of Milford, 19 April, 1853.

4. *Robert*, b. in Merrimack 16 November, 1798 ; m. *Sarah*— ; d. in Nashua 8 February, 1871. *Sarah*, his widow, died at Washington, D. C., 18 July, 1879, aged 76.

5. *Isabella*, b. in Merrimack 6 September, 1800 ; m. Capt. John Pearson, of Newburyport, 19 May, 1833.

6. *Sarah Ann*, b. in Amherst 29 March, 1806 ; m. Isaac T. Parker in September, 1826.

7. *Hugh, jr.*, b. in Amherst 19 November, 1808 ; learned the printer's trade in the *Telegraph* office and the *Patriot* office at Concord ; was engaged in publishing several newspapers, and compiled a sketch of the life of Col. Ethan Allen, which was published at Plattsburg, N. Y., in 1834 ; a writer of much ability and promise ; d. in Amherst, February, 1837 : unmarried.

8. *Samuel Campbell*, b. in Amherst 14 June, 1815 ; m. (1) *Sarah A. Kearney* ; she d. 5 February, 1859 ; resides in New Bedford, Mass.

#### MOULTON.

1. DANIEL MOULTON, b. in Wenham, Mass., in 1772 ; d. in Amherst 7 June, 1845 ; m. (1) *Naomi Dodge* 6 June, 1796 ; she was b. 13 June, 1773 ; d. 12 March, 1819 ; m. (2) *Mary Hartshorn* in September, 1819 ; she was b. 24 February, 1785 ; d. 10 September, 1854. Their children were—

2. *Hiram*, b. in Wenham, Mass., 25 August, 1803 ; d. in December, 1822.

3. *Calvin*, b. in Wenham, Mass., 19 February, 1805.

4. *Daniel*, b. in Wenham, Mass., 8 April, 1810.

5. *John*, b. 28 June, 1821 ; m. and settled in Manchester, where he d. 13 May, 1861.

6. *Hiram*, b. 18 June, 1823 ; m. *Eliza Ingalls*, of Bradford, 1847 ; d. in Nashua.

7. *Mary Naomi*, b. 20 June, 1825 ; unmarried ; res. in Amherst.

8. *Nancy*, b. 1 December, 1826 ; unmarried ; res. in Amherst.

9. *David Hartshorn*, b. 7 February, 1828 ; d. young.

#### MONROE—MUNROE.

JOSEPH MONROE, a native of Carlisle, Mass., studied medicine with Dr. Francis Kittredge, of Tewksbury, Mass., and settled in Hillsborough about 1784, where he remained in



the practice of his profession until his death, 24 February, 1798, at the age of 40 years. He m. Azubah Henry, d. Carlisle, Mass., who d. in Amherst 23 December, 1847, aged 87. Five of their eight children survived him. Of these—

ELIJAH MONROE, b. 10 May, 1797, settled in Hillsborough. At the age of twenty he had the misfortune to lose his left hand. Having received the appointment of jail-keeper for Hillsborough County, he rem. to Amherst in 1844, and occupied the county buildings. In 1845 he received the appointment of Sheriff of the county, which office he held until 1855. He was a good officer and a good citizen. He m. (1) Aris Bixby; m. (2) Matilda Russell, and d. in Boston, Mass., 18 February, 1878. Children, all by first wife, were—

*Rebecca*; m. H. N. Gay; res. in Hillsborough.

*James*; m. (1) Anna H. Nutt 31 December, 1851; she d. 26 October, 1856; m. (2) Eva W. Roberts, of Milford, 25 November, 1858; res. in Boston; 2 children.

*Susan M.*; m. George Jones, of Bradford, 20 December, 1853; res. in Concord; 2 children—

1. Mary A., b. 27 September, 1856.

2. Kate M., b. 15 February, 1863.

1. CAPT. JOSIAH MUNROE, b. in Lexington, Mass., 12 February, 1745; m. Susannah Fitch, of Bedford, Mass., 15 November, 1768; settled in Amherst about 1777; rem. thence to Marietta, O., in 1788, where they d. Their children were—

2. *Susannah*, b. 22 September, 1770.

3. *Joseph Fitch*, b. 6 May, 1774.

4. *Sarah*, b. 9 October, 1777.

5. *Polly*, b. 27 October, 1780.

6. *Harriet*, b. 2 October, 1784; d. 12 June, 1786; buried in the old cemetery in Amherst.

#### MUSSEY.

I. 1. JOHN MUSSEY, rem. from Lexington, Mass., to Kingston, prior to 1720. He was b. in January, 1689; d.

26 October, 1723. Hannah Mussey, his wife, was b. in September, 1693 ; d. 29 November, 1748.

II. 2. REUBEN MUSSEY, son of John and Hannah, was b. in Kingston 28 November, 1720 ; d. 20 November, 1788 ; m. Sarah Phelps, of Andover, in 1743. She was b. 20 June, 1715 ; d. 1 December, 1798. They rem. to Souhegan West about 1750, and settled on the farm now occupied by Mr. William Noyes. Their children were—

3. *Jonathan*, b. 19 February, 1744 ; baptized 26 February, 1744 ; d. 23 June, 1761.

4. †*John*, b. 31 August, 1745, O. S. ; baptized 1 September, 1745.

5. *Sarah*, b. 21 April, 1748 ; baptized 1 May, 1748 ; m. William Stewart ; d. 21 August, 1775.

6. †*Reuben Dimond*, b. 16 November, 1749 ; baptized 19 November, 1749.

III. 4. DR. JOHN MUSSEY, b. in Kingston 31 August, 1745 ; d. in Peterborough 17 January, 1831 ; m. (1) Beulah Butler, of Pelham, in August, 1770 ; she was b. 1 January, 1746, O. S. ; d. 13 December, 1805 ; m. (2) Rhoda Bartlett, of Epsom. She was b. 2 June, 1766 ; d. in Peterborough 12 December, 1843. Their children were—

7. *Jonathan*, b. 23 May, 1771 ; d. 28 September, 1775.

8. *Sarah*, b. 18 June, 1773 ; m. Nathan Fisher 16 February, 1796 ; resided in Francestown ; d. in Milford 25 October, 1857.

9. *Mary*, b. 4 December, 1775 ; m. †Solomon Prince, of Amherst.

10. *John*, b. 12 March, 1778 ; m. Sally Robbe, of Peterborough, 3 December, 1821 ; she d. at Peterborough 27 August, 1840. He d. at Milford 3 December, 1842.

11. *Reuben Dimond*, b. 23 June, 1780 ; d. in Boston 21 June, 1866 ; m. (1) Mary Sewall, of Ipswich, who lived but six months after their marriage ; m. (2) Hitty Osgood, of Salem, Mass., 9 June, 1813 ; she d. in Boston 14 May, 1866. He was a distinguished teacher of medicine and surgery.

12. *Lydia*, b. 9 August, 1782 ; m. John Felton, of Amherst, 26 February, 1807 ; d. 6 October, 1812, in Landgrove, Vt.

13. *Jonathan*, b. 4 June, 1785 ; d. 10 February, 1788.

14. *Beulah*, b. 26 December, 1789 ; m. Ephraim Warren, of Goffstown, 18 January, 1825 ; d. 1 May, 1860.

15. *Abigail*, b. 26 January, 1792; d. 28 January, 1792.

16. *Jonathan*, b. 24 May, 1810; d. in consequence of a wound received by the accidental discharge of a musket 17 October, 1822.

III. 6. REUBEN DIMOND MUSSEY, b. 16 November, 1749; d. in Pomfret, Vt., 25 September, 1819; m. Sarah Strav, of Epping. They rem. to Pomfret about 1810. His remains are said to have been stolen from the grave after burial, and never recovered. Their children were—

17. *Jonathan*, b. 19 September, 1773.

18. *John*, b. 19 September, 1775; m. Lucinda Underwood 15 July, 1798; d. in Pomfret, Vt. Children—

1. John.

3. Alden.

2. Susan.

And others.

19. *Daniel*, b. 7 July, 1778; m. ——— Gage, of Merrimack.

20. *Reuben*, b. 2 August, 1780; was a lawyer in New York; became intemperate.

21. *Sarah*, b. 28 June, 1785; m. Joseph Wyatt 13 February, 1810; rem. to Pomfret. He d. there 18 November, 1820, aged 37.

22. *Hannah Dimond*, b. 10 June, 1787; m. Joseph Parker 27 December, 1808.

## NEEDHAM.

STEARNS NEEDHAM, m. (1) Alice ———; she d. 14 February, 1780; m. (2) Hannah ———. Their children were—

1. *Stearns*, } b. 3 February, 1780.

2. *Jeremiah*, } b. 4 February, 1780; d. young.

3. *Alice*, } b. 4 February, 1780.

4. *James*, b. 15 May, 1783; d. 8 June, 1783.

5. *Hannah*, b. 14 March, 1784.

6. *John*, b. 28 November, 1785.

7. *David Parsons*, 9 August, 1787.

8. *Betsey Jaquith*, b. 28 March, 1789.

9. *Samuel Bailey*, b. 8 February, 1791.

10. *Jeremiah*, b. 20 September, 1792.

11. *Phineas Spalding*, b. 19 October, 1794.

12. *Mary*, b. 31 October, 1796.

13. *Josiah Locke*, b. 28 August, 1800.

14. *Sarah*, 12 February, 1803.

15. *Harriet*, b. 19 November, 1805.

## NEWTON.

HUBBARD NEWTON, Esq., b. in Newport 1 January, 1780; d. there 15 February, 1847; m. Abigail Lyon 25 November, 1802; she died 21 January, 1843. He graduated at Dartmouth College in 1804; read law with Samuel Bell at Francestown; commenced practice in Newport in 1806; rem. to Amherst in 1833, succeeding to the practice of Edmund Parker, Esq.; remained here five years, and returned to Newport. Their children were—

1. *Henrietta*, b. 7 April, 1806; d. 3 September, 1876.
2. *Charles H. E.*, b. 10 April, 1808; printer and clergyman; res. in Oregon.
3. *James H.*, b. 12 August, 1811; teacher; d. in Michigan 2 January, 1847.
4. *Mary G.*, b. 14 November, 1813; d. 12 April, 1868.
5. *Catherine M.*, b. 25 December, 1816; d. 25 June, 1825.
6. *William F.*, b. 23 November, 1818; lawyer in Newport.
7. *Adelia M.*, b. 1 February, 1821.
8. *Arthur W.*, b. 10 May, 1823; d. 16 May, 1824.

## NICHOLS.

I. RICHARD NICHOLS, from whom the families bearing his name in Amherst are descended, became a freeman in Ipswich, Mass., in 1638; rem. with Annis, his wife, to Reading, Mass., where he d. 22 September, 1674. She d. in 1692.

II. THOMAS NICHOLS, their second son, m. Elizabeth Eaton in 1680. He served in King Philip's war in 1675; was deacon and representative; d. in 1737.

III. TIMOTHY NICHOLS, son of Thomas and Elizabeth, b. 16 May, 1702; m. Hannah Perkins, of Topsfield, Mass., 7 October, 1725. They settled in Reading, Mass., where his old mansion is still standing. He rem. to Amherst prior to 1770. Their children were—

1. *Hepsibah*, b. 17 January, 1727.
2. *Hannah*, b. in 1729.

3. †*Timothy*, b. 12 July, 1731; m. *Mehitable Weston* 30 September, 1751; served in a troop of horsemen in the French and Indian war; d. at the siege of Quebec in 1759.

4. *Thomas*, twin brother of *Timothy*, b. 12 July, 1731; m. *Charity Eaton* 3 July, 1767. He served in the army with his brother.

5. *Sarah*, b. 9 March, 1737.

6. †*Moses*, b. 28 June, 1740.

7. *Lucy*, b. 11 February, 1743; m. †*John Wilkins*.

IV. 3. *TIMOTHY NICHOLS*, b. 12 July, 1731; d. in 1759; m. *MEHITABLE WESTON*, 30 September, 1751. She was b. 27 November, 1727. Their children were—

8. *Mehitable*, b. 19 July, 1752; m. ——— *Cummings*, of Ware, Mass.

9. *Aaron*, m. *Sarah Abbot* 29 January, 1782; was living at Crow Point, N. Y., in 1815.

10. †*Timothy*, b. 16 February, 1756; m. *Susannah Towne*.

V. 10. *TIMOTHY NICHOLS*, b. in Reading, Mass., 16 February, 1756; m. *Susannah*, daughter of Capt. *Archelaus Towne*, of Amherst, 21 October, 1779. She was b. 29 December, 1762; d. in Norwich, Vt., 2 December, 1840. They settled in Amherst, but rem. to Norwich, where the last years of their life were spent. He died 22 August, 1846. Their children were—

11. *Susannah*, b. 30 October, 1780; m. *John Smith*, of Bradford, 24 October, 1820; d. at Concord 30 April, 1855. No children.

12. *Grace Gardner*, b. 23 May, 1783; m. *William Low, jr.*, 9 June, 1803; resided in Concord; d. 14 May, 1868; no children.

13. *Sophia*, b. 29 December, 1785; m. *Benjamin Damon, jr.*, 10 January, 1811; resided in Concord; d. 21 October, 1866.

14. *Luther Weston*, b. 22 April, 1789; m. (1) *Hannah Tompkins* in July, 1812. She died 25 December, 1852; m. (2) *Mrs. Lucy R. Horne*. He d. 9 April, 1866. She d. 17 June, 1878.

15. †*Leonard Towne*, b. 16 February, 1792.

16. *Lattin Morris*, b. 31 October, 1794; m. *Clarissa Safford* 29 June, 1824; d. 18 March, 1870.

17. *John Perkins*, b. 19 October, 1798; m. *Mary Ann Clark* 1 June, 1831.

18. *Robert*, b. 13 December, 1802; m. *Betsey Ainsworth* 7 December, 1826; d. 11 November, 1845.

19. *Charles*, b. 9 December, 1808.

15. LEONARD TOWNE NICHOLS, b. in Andover, Vt., 16 February, 1792; d. 13 July, 1836; m. Fanny Blanchard 24 February, 1820. After his decease she m. (2) Oliver Willoby, of Hollis, 3 June, 1852. She was b. in Lyndeborough 29 April, 1790; d. 4 December, 1862. They settled in Amherst on the Nichols homestead, near the Souhegan river. Their children were—

20. *Caroline*, b. 18 November, 1820; m. George N. Damon, of Concord, 4 July, 1841.

21. *Henry Augustus*, b. 10 August, 1822.

22. *Albert*, b. 13 July, 1824.

23. *Harriet*, b. 15 July, 1826; m. Abraham Burton; d. in Manchester 21 April, 1848.

24. *Edward Towne*, b. 11 May, 1830; m. Esther Towle, of Concord.

25. *Grace Towne*, b. 6 January, 1836.

IV. 6. GEN. MOSES NICHOLS, b. in Reading, Mass., 28 June, 1740; d. in Amherst 23 May, 1790; m. Hannah —; she d. 17 June, 1802, aged 63 years. Their children were—

26. *Hannah*, b. 9 July, 1762.

27. †*Moses*, b. 15 December, 1763; m. Lucy —; d. in Sherbrooke, Canada, 28 November, 1849.

28. †*Joseph*, b. 11 November, 1765; m. Hannah Blanchard.

29. *Elizabeth*, b. 8 January, 1768; m. †William Patterson, of New Boston, 5 January, 1795; d. in New Boston in 1803; four children.

30. *Eaton*, b. 7 September, 1771.

31. *Perkins*, b. 28 September, 1773. He presented the town with a clock which is still preserved in the town-house. He also presented the town of Milford with a bell, which is still in use.

32. *Polly*, b. 20 January, 1776.

33. *Pearson*, b. 14 April, 1779.

34. *Charity*, b. 23 August, 1781.

V. 27. DR. MOSES NICHOLS, JR., b. 15 December, 1763; d. in Sherbrooke, Canada, 28 November, 1849; m. Lucy —; studied medicine with his father; commenced practice in Amherst; rem. to Thornton in 1784, where he remained until 1802, when he rem. to Canada; returned to Amherst in 1805, and practiced here a few years, occupying

the house now owned by P. W. and Thomas Jones. About 1811 he returned to Canada. His children, whose births are recorded in the town book, were—

35. *Moses*, b. 15 September, 1785.

36. *Lucy*, b. 19 November, 1786.

V. 28. JOSEPH NICHOLS, son of Gen. Moses and Hannah Nichols, b. 11 November, 1765 ; m. Hannah Blanchard 10 March, 1785 ; rem. to Canada about 1811. Children—

37. *Zaccheus*, b. 9 October, 1785 ; d. in infancy.

38. *Zaccheus*, b. 17 November, 1786.

39. *Betsey*, b. 29 August, 1788.

40. *Moses*, b. 10 February, 1791.

41. *Hannah*, b. 7 August, 1793.

42. *Lucy*, b. 8 August, 1795.

43. *Charity*, b. 25 July, 1797.

44. *Joseph*, b. 3 March, 1800.

45. *Pearson*, b. 4 April, 1802.

46. *Perkins*, b. 21 December, 1805.

*Joseph Nichols*, d. on town-farm 18 September, 1849, aged 87.

*George F. Nichols*, formerly of Amherst, d. at Charlestown, Mass., 4 August, 1866.

*George Warren*, son of Henry A. Nichols, d. 29 August, 1870, aged 6 months.

## NOYES.

1. MOSES NOYES, b. in Wilmington, Mass., 27 April, 1767 ; m. Sally Baldwin. They settled first in Pelham, whence they rem. to Amherst in April, 1812, and occupied the farm now owned by their son, William Noyes. He d. 18 April, 1859 ; Mrs. Noyes d. 29 July, 1856. Their children were—

2. † *Moses*, b. 25 September, 1792.

3. *Sally*, b. 4 September, 1795 ; d. 29 March, 1812.

4. † *Ammial*, b. 15 August, 1798.

5. † *William*, b. 6 April, 1801.

6. *Lydia*, b. 11 March, 1804 ; m. Silas Shepard 29 November, 1832 ; d. in Thetford, Vt., 17 December, 1864.







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7. *Joshua*, b. 11 October, 1808; d. of "spotted fever," 1 April, 1812.

8. *Sally*, b. 9 April, 1815; m. David Sweatt 30 October, 1845; d. in Bedford 4 March, 1876.

2. MOSES NOYES, JR., b. in Pelham 6 February, 1792; m. Sally Wyatt 25 February, 1818; she was b. 29 December, 1797. He d. in Derry 19 November, 1868. They lived in Amherst, Bedford, Greenland and Derry. Their children were—

9. *Lucinda*, b. 16 January, 1819; m. Robert W. Norton 1 November, 1848; res. in Greenland.

10. *Ira W.*, b. 6 January, 1821; drowned in Saugus river, Lynn, Mass., 10 September, 1845.

11. *Melinda*, b. 7 February, 1823; m. Joseph White in April, 1866; res. in Derry.

12. *William O.*, b. 26 July, 1825; m. Eliza R. Miller 30 December, 1853; resides in Derry.

13. †*Frederick A.*, b. 3 November, 1827.

14. *Emily A.*, b. 22 October, 1830; m. John Sidney Badger, of Needham, Mass., 4 January, 1855.

15. *Marietta I.*, b. 14 January, 1833; d. 12 February, 1861; unm.

16. *Semantha*, b. 16 June, 1835; m. Simeon S. Marden 9 April, 1869; d. in Manchester 3 January, 1873.

17. *Francis S.*, b. 4 July, 1837; d. 9 January, 1860.

18. *Sophronia S.*, b. 20 September, 1839; d. 21 December, 1841.

13. FREDERICK A. NOYES, b. 3 November, 1827; m. Mrs. Frances D. Smith 27 March, 1856. Their children are—

19. *Eddie Augustus*, b. 5 April, 1857.

20. *Addie Frances*, b. 3 June, 1859; m. †Eugene C. Hubbard 19 March, 1878.

5. WILLIAM NOYES, b. in Pelham 6 April, 1801; m. Mrs. Clarissa J. Steele; she was b. 4 October, 1806; d. 15 July 1862. Their son—

21. †*Frank William*, was b. 9 August, 1852.

21. FRANK WILLIAM NOYES, b. 9 August, 1852; m. Annie M. Veazie, of Meredith, 5 April, 1875; res. on the home-  
stead. Their son—

22. *George Frank*, b. 7 October, 1878; d. 27 July, 1880.

4. AMMIAL NOYES, b. in Pelham 15 August, 1798; m. Mary Shepard, August, 1824; she was b. in Bedford 7 August, 1802; d. 15 October, 1865. He d. 28 April, 1872. They settled in Amherst. Their children were—

23. *Lucy Jane*; m. †Benjamin B. Whiting; d. 25 February, 1855.

24. *Mary A.*; m. William Tarbell 12 January, 1850.

25. *Sarah E.*; m. Charles W. Ring, January, 1860.

26. *Albert*; d. 21 December, 1866, aged 27.

27. *Alfred*.

28. *Adeline A.*; m. James L. Eaton 12 January, 1850.

29. *Elvira*.

30. *Nancy M.*; m. Quincy Barnard 14 November, 1872.

31. SILAS NOYES, formerly a resident in Amherst; d. in Bedford 18 October, 1848, aged 71. Sarah L., his wife, d. in Amherst 18 August, 1829, aged 50. Of their children—

32. *James*; d. January, 1815, aged 10 years.

33. *Samuel*; d. November, 1819, aged 2½ years.

34. *Mary*; m. †Asa Jaquith; she d. 11 January, 1862, aged 56.

## NUTT.

SAMUEL NUTT succeeded James Ray in the hotel business on the Plain in January, 1827, removing from Tyngsborough, Mass., to Amherst. He d. 1 February, 1845, aged 57. Hannah, wife of Samuel Nutt, d. in Tyngsborough, Mass., in July, 1825. Elizabeth, his wife, d. in Amherst 6 May, 1841. Of their children—

*George A.*; married Lydia Emerson, of Mont Vernon, 9 November 1842; d. 6 July, 1845.

*Charles H.*, is a merchant in Nashua.

*Elbridge G.*

*Anna H.*; m. James Monroe 31 December, 1851; d. 26 October, 1856.

*Catherine Elizabeth*, b. 28 November, 1827.

*Frances A.*, b. 17 March, 1830; d. 4 February, 1845.

*Maria Theresa*; d. 12 August, 1833, aged 19 months.

## OBER.

1. JOHN OBER, b. in Hollis 25 July, 1779; d. in Amherst 19 January, 1831; m. Sally Peacock 6 April, 1802. She was b. in Amherst 13 October, 1781; d. 16 June, 1874. They lived at first in Merrimack, but finally settled in the "Danforth" district in Amherst. Their children were—

2. †*John, jr.*, b. in Merrimack 18 January, 1807; d. in Amherst 27 March, 1867.

3. †*Samuel*, b. 13 February, 1810.

4. *Betsey*, b. 11 November, 1812; m. †Horace Phelps.

5. *Mary Ann*, b. 13 October, 1815; m. †Samuel L. Shepard; d. 13 April, 1847.

6. *Sophia*, b. 12 August, 1817; m. John Marvell; d. in Milford 31 December, 1880.

7. *Sally*, b. in May, 1819; d. in June, 1819.

8. *Susan*, b. 15 April, 1820; m. Martin Hall 10 November, 1842; res. in California.

9. *Martha*, b. 10 May, 1823; for years a successful teacher in the district schools; d. 28 January, 1866; unmarried.

JOHN OBER, JR., b. in Merrimack 18 January, 1807; d. in Amherst 27 March, 1867; m. Rebecca, daughter of Benjamin Kendrick 1 July, 1834; she was b. in Amherst 23 January, 1812. Their children were—

10. *Mary E.*, b. 1 July, 1841; m. A. M. Philbrick 18 July, 1866.

11. *J. Franklin*, b. 30 May, 1845; d. 15 December, 1852.

3. SAMUEL OBER, b. 13 February, 1810; m. (1) Hannah Greeley, of Weston, Vt., 14 October, 1834. She was b. 4 June, 1814; d. 24 May, 1855; m. (2) Louisiana Farley, of Hollis, 14 October, 1855. They res. in the "Danforth" district. Their children were—

12. *Sarah A.*, b. in Chester, Vt., 26 March, 1837; m. Frank A. Woods, of Hollis, 23 October, 1855; d. 29 November, 1861.

13. *Lucy M.*, b. in Amherst 16 May, 1838; m. Daniel W. Sargent, of Milford, 23 October, 1855.

14. *Samuel Henry*, b. 28 January, 1842; a volunteer in the 4th Regt. N. H. Vols.; d. at Hilton Head, S. C., 7 December, 1861.

15. *John A.*, b. 4 November, 1845; m. ——— Tilton.

## ODELL.

1. WILLIAM ODELL was a resident in Souhegan West as early as 1754. He d. 3 March, 1812, aged 85; m. Phebe —; she d. 24 January, 1817, aged 85. Their children were—

2. *Phebe*, b. 1750; m. David Duncklee; d. 6 January, 1839.

3. † *William*, b. 1752.

4. *Martha*, b. 26 August, 1754; m. John Lovejoy about 1775.

5. *Ebenezer*, b. 22 May, 1756; m. Sarah Johnson 29 May, 1782.

6. † *John*, b. 4 December, 1761.

2. WILLIAM ODELL, JR., b. 1752; d. 26 August, 1829; m. Susannah Lovejoy; she was b. 25 July, 1756; d. 17 March, 1831. Their children were—

7. *Susannah*, b. 9 November, 1774; d. 28 September, 1813; unm.

8. † *William*, b. 23 February, 1777; d. 7 November, 1850.

9. *Hannah*, b. 9 August, 1779; d. 11 February, 1781.

10. *Hannah*, b. 23 May, 1783; d. 5 January, 1830.

11. *Luther*, b. 9 September, 1785; m. Betsey Green 16 March, 1806; d. 6 July, 1862.

12. *Betsey*, b. 28 September, 1787; m. † Jacob Hildreth, jr.

13. *Polly*, b. 13 October, 1789; m. † Henry Howard.

6. JOHN ODELL, b. 4 December, 1761; d. 5 November, 1844; m. Edith Nourse. She d. 7 September, 1842, aged 77. They resided in Amherst and Merrimack; d. in Merrimack. Their children were—

14. *Phebe*, b. 10 December, 1783.

15. *Edith*, b. 19 December, 1785.

16. *Eunice*, b. 21 December, 1787.

17. *Asenath*, b. 20 May, 1790; m. † David Secombe.

18. *John*, b. 25 April, 1792.

19. *Francis*, b. 25 February, 1794.

20. *Nabby Nourse*, b. 25 January, 1796.

21. *Lucy*, b. 6 June, 1798.

22. *Rodney Putnam*, b. 24 April, 1801.

8. WILLIAM ODELL, b. 23 February, 1777; d. 7 November, 1850. Polly, his wife, d. 21 October, 1846, aged 56. Of their children—

- 23. *Lorinda*; d. 11 November, 1841, aged 17.
- 24. *Amos F.*; d. 7 October, 1864, aged 35.
- 25. *Pliny F.*; m. Lucy B. Miller 25 December, 1856.

## ORCUTT.

BETSEY E., widow of Rufus Orcutt, d. 20 February, 1879, aged 82.

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JANETT, wife of Rufus H. Orcutt, d. 2 August, 1875, aged 35 years.

## OSBORN.

JOSEPH OSBORN, a native of Germany, d. 26 September, 1854, aged 26.

## OSGOOD.

1. JOEL FLETCHER OSGOOD, b. in Westford, Mass., 7 July, 1807; m. Louisa Bennett 23 June, 1830; settled in Amherst in 1834, where he carried on the blacksmithing business several years. Their children were—

- 2. *Ann Maria*, b. 2 April, 1831; d. 12 July, 1831.
- 3. *Louisa Jane*, b. 8 June, 1832; m. †James U. Prince 24 October, 1850.
- 4. *George Wilder*, b. 14 October, 1836; m. (1) Helen Kinson 9 February, 1860; m. (2) Sarah Riddle 11 November, 1869.
- 5. *Joel Fletcher, jr.*, b. 2 December, 1845; m. Laura A. Clark 22 February, 1866.

DAVID OSGOOD, b. in Billerica, Mass., 20 July, 1756; d. in Amherst 15 February, 1828. Ruth Badger, his wife, d. in March, 1815, aged 53.

## PALMER.

MARY, wife of Gilman Palmer, d. 5 September, 1854, aged 32 years.

## PARKER.

ROBERT and PENELOPE PARKER settled in the north-west parish prior to the Revolutionary war. He d. in Mont Vernon in April, 1805, aged 73. Their children were—

1. *William*, b. 26 April, 1757.
2. *Robert*, b. 3 September, 1759; m. *Rebecca Carlton* 11 September, 1783.
3. *Rachel*, b. 19 October, 1761.
4. *Deborah*, b. 3 May, 1764.
5. †*Benjamin*, b. 18 March, 1766.
6. *Penelope*, b. 23 July, 1768.

5. BENJAMIN PARKER, son of Robert and Penelope, was b. 18 March, 1766; d. in January, 1826; m. *Betsey Lovejoy* 10 October, 1794. She was b. in 1772; d. 25 September, 1839. Their children were—

7. *Nancy*; m. †*Moses B. Stewart* in May, 1825; d. in Bluffville, Carroll county, Illinois, in September, 1855, aged 59 years and 4 months.
8. *Joseph*; d. 26 December, 1823, aged 19.
9. *Arethusa*; d. in September, 1830, aged 25.
10. *Thomas J.*; d. 21 March, 1837, aged 30; married ———.
11. *Lucretia*; d. in April, 1834, aged 18.
12. *Samuel*: "went west," and is still living.

13. ISAAC PARKER, from Reading, Mass.; m. (2) *Olive Abbott* 6 February, 1794. His children, first three by former marriage, were—

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| 14. † <i>Isaac</i> , b. in 1784.      | 17. <i>Hayden</i> .  |
| 15. <i>Eunice</i> ; d. 3 April, 1863. | 18. <i>Ephraim</i> . |
| 16. <i>Amos</i> ; d. 22 March, 1865.  |                      |

14. ISAAC PARKER, b. in Reading, Mass., in 1784; rem. to Amherst in 1800; m. *Nancy Dowse* in 1815. She was b. in Billerica, Mass., in October, 1788; d. 6 May, 1864. Their children were—

19. *Jonathan*, b. 14 March, 1818; d. 19 October, 1850.
20. *Isaac*, b. 10 June, 1822; m. *Julia P. Hodgman* in July, 1857; d. in 1882.

21. *Nancy J.*, b. 11 February, 1825; m. Rodney Howard 14 November, 1850; res. in Milford.

22. *Joseph*, b. 14 June, 1828; d. in November, 1833.

23. **JOSIAH PARKER**, b. in Reading, Mass., 8 May, 1760; d. in Amherst 28 September, 1845; m. Abigail Peacock, of Amherst. She was b. 1 June, 1771; d. 27 September, 1848.

Their children were—

24. *Abigail*, b. 6 October, 1804; m. Nathan Jewett; d. 7 August, 1831.

25. †*Josiah Merrill*, b. 19 September, 1805; m. Maria A. Cash 25 April, 1833; res. in Lyndeborough.

26. *Sarah*, b. 25 October, 1806; d. 9 June, 1861.

27. *Hannah*, b. 31 March, 1808; m. Nathan Dane in February, 1831; d. in Minnesota 12 January, 1865.

28. †*Thomas B.*, b. 15 October, 1810; m. Mary Hildreth.

29. *Lydia W.*, b. 20 June, 1812; m. Peltiah Fletcher, of Pepperell, Mass.

28. **THOMAS B. PARKER**, son of Josiah and Abigail Parker, was b. 15 October, 1810; m. Mary Hildreth. She was b. 20 August, 1816. Their children were—

30. *Henry M.*, b. 24 May, 1839; m. ———.

31. *Alfred*, b. 6 June, 1840; d. 5 September, 1840.

32. *Murtha E.*, b. 20 January, 1842; d. 15 July, 1842.

33. *Charles S.*, b. 15 September, 1843; m. Harriet M. Grater 28 April, 1880.

34. *Sarah*, b. 14 April, 1848; d. 6 June, 1876; unmarried.

25. **JOSIAH MERRILL PARKER**, b. 19 September, 1805; m. Maria A. Cash 25 April, 1833; resided in Amherst several years but rem. thence to Lyndeborough. Their children were—

35. *Edmund J.*, b. in 1834.

39. *Mary A.*, b. in 1840.

36. *Sarah M.*, b. in 1836.

40. *George W.*, b. in 1842.

37. *John F.*, b. in 1837.

41. *Alma L.*, b. in 1845.

38. *Abigail R.*, b. in 1839.

42. **HON. EDMUND PARKER**, son of Abel Parker, of Jaffrey, was b. in Jaffrey 7 September, 1783; d. in Claremont 8 September, 1856; m. (1) Susan Cutter, of Jaffrey, 29 Decem-



ber, 1812. She d. 28 July, 1826, aged 44; m. (2) Mrs. Sarah (Leland) Boynton 13 August, 1827. She d. 9 June, 1867, aged 77. Their children were—

43. *Charles Edmund*, b. 4 October, 1813; graduated at Dartmouth College in 1834; m. (1) Sarah E. Parker; m. (2) Anna Pierce; d. at Beardstown, Ill., 23 August, 1882.

44. *Mary Ann*, b. 7 September, 1815; m. John J. Prentiss; res. in Chicago, Ill.

45. *William Abel*, b. 19 October, 1820; d. at Nashua 5 January, 1840.

46. *An infant son*; d. 3 November, 1830, aged 3 weeks.

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*Rebecca*, wife of Ephraim Parker, d. 28 November, 1851, aged 56.

*Clara A.*, wife of Granville Parker, d. 13 June, 1878, aged 28 years and 3 months.

*Humphrey Moore Parker*, d. 28 June, 1861, aged 53 years and 9 months.

## PARKHURST.

I. GEORGE PARKHURST, the first American ancestor of this family, came from England soon after the settlement of Salem, and settled in Watertown, Mass.

II. JOSEPH PARKHURST, son of George, m. and lived for some time in Watertown, thence he rem. to Chelmsford, Mass., prior to 1657.

III. EBENEZER PARKHURST, son of Joseph, b. in Watertown: rem. with his parents to Chelmsford; m. and settled in Chelmsford. He had six children. Of these—

IV. JAMES PARKHURST succeeded his father in Chelmsford. Of his eight children—

V. PHILIP PARKHURST; m. Mary Spalding 14 March, 1771; settled in Chelmsford, where they d. Their children were—

1. *Andrew*, b. 16 March, 1773; d. 26 July, 1834.

2. *John*, b. 6 June, 1775.

3. *Mary*, b. 1 June, 1777.

4. †*Henry*, b. 14 Sept., 1779.

5. *Ephraim*, b. 11 April, 1783.

6. *Silas*, b. 7 November, 1785.

7. *Polly*, b. 5 December, 1788.

VI. 4. HENRY PARKHURST, b. in Chelmsford 14 September, 1779; d. in Amherst 20 February, 1861; m. Lydia Spalding 29 April, 1802. She was b. 23 April, 1784; d. 15 January, 1867. They lived in Chelmsford until November, 1808, when they rem. to Amherst. In 1809 they rem. to Bedford, and in 1830 returned to Amherst, where they died. Their children were—

8. †*Silas*, b. in Chelmsford 7 March, 1803.
9. *Mary*, b. 8 July, 1804; d. in Bedford 3 October, 1813.
10. *Lydia*, b. 9 September, 1805; unmarried.
11. †*Henry*, b. 7 January, 1808.
12. *Spalding*, b. in Bedford 14 July, 1809; m. Sally Ford, of Amherst. He d. 12 April, 1882; no children.
13. *Mary Ann*, b. 18 January, 1811; m. Stephen Butterfield, of Chelmsford, 9 September, 1832; d. in Lowell 17 January, 1868.
14. *Sally*, b. 24 August, 1813; unmarried.
15. *Polly*, b. 25 March, 1815; d. 3 October, 1815.
16. *Polly*, b. 7 October, 1816; d. in March, 1819.
17. *Stillman*, b. 11 March, 1818; m. Margaret Peaslee, of Bradford, 25 November, 1852; res. in Bedford.
18. *Ephraim*, b. 31 October, 1819; d. 15 June, 1820.
19. *Emily*, b. 11 June, 1823; d. 13 December, 1843.

VII. 8. SILAS PARKHURST, b. 7 March, 1803; m. (1) Pamela Perry, of Bedford, 5 January, 1828. She d. in Amherst 10 March, 1845; m. (2) Mary A. Roby, of Bedford, 9 December, 1847. He was a farmer, lived some years in Bedford, but rem. to Amherst, where the greater part of his life was spent. He d. 10 February, 1877. His children were—

20. *John S.*, b. 20 October, 1828; m. Ann Thompson 22 September, 1850; d. 21 March, 1852.
21. *William B.*, b. 14 December, 1830; m. Evelyn Peavey 28 November, 1850; res. in North Andover, Mass.
22. †*Silas P.*, b. 9 November, 1832.
23. *Maria C.*, b. 4 November, 1834; m. Carlos Heath. They res. in Whitinsville, Mass.
24. *James S.*, b. 7 January, 1837.
25. *Albert H.*, b. 25 November, 1840; d. 17 December, 1842.

26. *George W.*, b. 17 December, 1844; m. *Ella J. Williams* 14 January, 1871; res. in Bedford; served three years in the 3d Regt. N. H. Vols., and lost a hand in the service.

27. *Marietta*, b. 9 October, 1849.

28. *Elmer A.*, b. 13 April, 1865.

VIII. 22. *SILAS P. PARKHURST*, b. 9 November, 1832; m. *Augusta H. Mace*, of Amherst, 3 April, 1861. He is a machinist; lives on the "Damon place," near Damon's pond. Their children were—

29. *John M.*, b. 20 February, 1863; d. 31 July, 1864.

30. *Harry G.*, b. 13 March, 1866.

31. *Parmelia*, b. 15 September, 1867; d. 1 September, 1868.

32. *Fred E.*, b. 8 August, 1870.

33. *Grace P.*, b. 15 May, 1872.

34. *Luna A.*, b. 14 June, 1873.

VII. 11. *HENRY PARKHURST, JR.*, b. 7 January, 1808; m. *Abigail Butterfield* 31 May, 1831. She was b. in Chelmsford 13 September, 1812. They rem. from Chelmsford to Amherst in 1836. Their children were—

35. *Abigail E.*, b. 9 May, 1833; d. 24 August, 1835.

36. †*Henry H.*, b. 26 May, 1840.

37. *Washington M.*, b. 31 July, 1844; d. 12 March, 1857.

VIII. 36. *HENRY H. PARKHURST*, b. 26 May, 1840; m. *Harriet P. Upton*, of Amherst, 15 October, 1862. She was b. in Lowell 3 December, 1845. They have one child—

38. *Arthur W.*, b. 5 April, 1864.

## PATCH.

*TIMOTHY PATCH*; d. 1 October, 1868. His widow, *Mrs. Mary Patch*, d. 27 January, 1872. Of their children—

*Elizabeth*, b. in 1825; d. in September, 1845.

*George*, b. in 1827.

*Cyrus*, b. in 1832; m. *Sarah M. Smith* 15 February, 1859.

*Mary*, b. in 1835; m. *Frank Abbott* 2 December, 1879.

*Susan*, b. in 1838; m. *George D. Reed*, of Winchester, Mass., 6 September, 1866; d. 11 June, 1876.

## PATTEE.

LEMUEL N. PATTEE, b. in Goffstown 5 February, 1804; m. Vashti Little in 1827; res. in Antrim; rem. to Amherst in 1841; was representative in 1849 and 1850; also register of probate five years; returned to Antrim in 1851; thence in 1861 rem. to Goffstown, where he died 1 April, 1870. One child—

*Mary F.*, b. 29 May, 1828; m. John B. Woodbury, of Antrim, 6 March, 1849; d. 15 October, 1858.

## PATTERSON.

LIEUT. JOHN PATTERSON, b. in Litchfield 4 August, 1742; settled in Amherst prior to 1765; d. 16 December, 1829; m. (1) Sarah Burns in 1765. She was b. in Amherst in 1743; d. 28 October, 1795; he m. (2) Mrs. Martha (Means) McGaw 18 October, 1796. She was b. in Ireland in 1752; d. in Goffstown 20 December, 1842, aged 90 years. Children (all by first wife)—

1. *Elizabeth*, b. 11 November, 1766; m. †Phineas Aiken, of Bedford, 8 December, 1789; d. in Andover, Mass., 21 September, 1855.

2. *Martha*, b. 20 August, 1769; m. David Sprague, of Bedford, 26 December, 1793; d. in Bedford 17 April, 1854.

3. *Sarah*, b. 22 May, 1772; m. Daniel Wilkins, of Claremont, 9 March, 1813; d. in Littleton 4 May, 1856.

4. *Susan Gould*, b. in 1775; m. Samuel Fletcher, of Amherst, 9 June, 1795; d. in October, 1822.

5. *John*, b. in 1778; d. 25 July, 1795.

6. *Fanny*, b. in 1781; m. William Dole 23 April, 1804; d. in Mansfield, Ind., 26 July, 1830.

7. *Mary*, b. 24 August, 1783; m. Dr. William Burns, of Bedford, 29 August, 1808. She d. in Littleton 7 February, 1873.

8. *Nancy*, b. 1 October, 1786; d. 1 August, 1790.

9. WILLIAM PATTERSON, of New Boston, m. Elizabeth, daughter of Gen. Moses Nichols, of Amherst. He d. in Merrimack 12 February, 1827. She d. in New Boston in 1803, leaving four children. Of these—

10. *Moses Nichols*, the eldest, d. in Boston in May, 1807, aged 11 years.

11. *Perkins Nichols*; d. in South Merrimack 26 March, 1853, aged 52 years.

12. CAPT. PETER PATTERSON rem. from Amherst to Columbus, Ohio, where he d. 18 June, 1821, aged 37.

### PEABODY.

I. LIEUT. FRANCIS PEABODY, of St. Albans, Hertfordshire, b. 1614; came to New England in the ship "Planter" in 1635, and was one of the first settlers in Hampton, going there with Rev. Stephen Bachiler in 1637; but prior to 1657 he rem. to Topsfield, Mass., where he was a large land holder, and was prominent for his enterprise and wealth. He m. Mary Foster, who d. 9 April, 1705. He d. 19 February, 1697-8.

II. Their son WILLIAM PEABODY, b. (probably in Hampton) in 1646; m. Hannah Hale, of Newbury, 14 August, 1684, and d. in March, 1699. His widow d. 23 February, 1733. They resided in Boxford, Mass. He was one of the soldiers in the Narraganset fort fight in December, 1675.

III. CAPT. STEPHEN PEABODY, son of William and Hannah (Hale) Peabody, b. in Boxford, Mass., 5 August, 1685; m. Hannah Swan. They resided in Boxford, where he d. 7 January, 1759; she d. 17 April, 1764, aged 75. He was one of the original proprietors of Souhegan West.

IV. 1. WILLIAM PEABODY, son of Capt. Stephen and Hannah (Swan) Peabody, b. in Boxford, Mass., 29 June, 1715; m. Rebecca Smith 25 March, 1740. About 1742 they settled in Souhegan West, now Milford, where he d. 31 May, 1791; she d. 11 May, 1790, aged 72. Their children were—

2. †*Stephen*, b. 3 September, 1742.

3. *Sarah*, b. 21 March, 1744; m. Oliver Wright, of Keene.

4. †*William*, b. 3 February, 1746.

5. *Priscilla*, b. 19 November, 1750; m. Bartholomew Grimes, of Amherst.

6. *Rebecca*, b. 2 January, 1752; m. †Nathan Hutchinson in 1778; d. in Milford 25 February, 1826.

7. *Hannah*, b. 2 April, 1754; m. David Chandler, of Andover, Mass.

8. *Susannah*, b. 4 November, 1755; m. †Benjamin Hutchinson; d. in Milford 23 August, 1834.

V. 2. STEPHEN PEABODY, b. 3 September, 1742; d. 19 September, 1780; m. Hannah Chandler, daughter of Thomas and Hannah (Goffe) Chandler, of Bedford, in 1763; she d. in Montpelier, Vt., in August, 1826, aged 79 years. He was Adjutant of Col. Reed's regiment in the battle of Bunker Hill, aid to Gen. Stark at Bennington, and Lieutenant-Colonel commanding a battalion sent to Rhode Island in 1778. Their children were—

9. *Thomas*, b. 15 February, 1764; m. (1) Sarah Perkins 10 March, 1785; m. (2) Mrs. Bird, a sister of Gen. James Miller. He settled in Vermont. Near the close of the war for independence he was surgeon in a regiment commanded by Col. Evans.

10. †*John*, b. 17 May, 1766.

11. *Hannah*, b. 2 July, 1768; m. Enoch Carlton, of Amherst.

12. *Rebecca*, b. 17 July, 1770; was a physician and surgeon; m. Gen. Perley Davis, of Montpelier, Vt., 4 November, 1794; d. in East Montpelier 5 February, 1853.

13. *Stephen*, b. 23 August, 1772; m. Martha Trow 6 December, 1795; was a physician in Orange, Vt.

14. *Asenath*, b. 25 July, 1774; d. 14 March, 1777.

15. *Sarah*, b. 2 December, 1776; d. suddenly on the day appointed for her marriage.

16. *Asenath*, b. 14 December, 1779; m. Lewis Parker, of Cambridge, Vt.; d. in March, 1846.

V. 4. WILLIAM PEABODY, b. in Souhegan West 3 February, 1746; d. in Milford 24 August, 1822; m. Abigail, daughter of Rev. Daniel and Sarah (Fuller) Wilkins; she was b. 6 August, 1745; d. 11 February, 1827. Their children were—

17. *Clarissa*, b. 29 October, 1771; resided on the homestead, where she d. 6 October, 1850; unmarried.

18. *Abigail*, b. 20 October, 1773; d. in September, 1777.
19. *Hannah*, b. 23 January, 1775; d. in September, 1777.
20. *Abigail*, b. 7 October, 1777; d. 28 April, 1827; unmarried.
21. *Hannah*, b. 11 March, 1779; m. Rev. Humphrey Moore; d. in Milford, 2 March, 1830.
22. *William*, b. 14 July, 1780; d. 9 January, 1794.
23. *Stephen*, b. 4 October, 1782; graduated at Harvard College, studied law; practiced in Portsmouth, Exeter and Amherst; d. suddenly in Amherst, 19 January, 1847; m. Jemima P. Bolles, of Milford, 20 September, 1824; she d. at Newton Center, Mass., 24 September, 1857, aged 57 years; 4 children.
24. *Anna*, b. 30 March, 1784; m. Rev. Elijah Dunbar 15 December, 1803; d. in Peterborough 25 July, 1828.

VI. 10. DR. JOHN PEABODY, b. 17 May, 1766; d. in Salem, Mass., in 1804; m. Keziah Hubbard. Their children were—

25. *Jesse Chandler Fox*, b. 21 May, 1795.
26. *John Stephen Frederick Augustus*, b. 12 February, 1797.
27. *Charles Calvin Daniel Hobart*, b. 21 June, 1799.

28. AARON PEABODY, b. in Topsfield, Mass., 3 April, 1747; d. 19 September, 1826, aged 79. He m. Susannah Hobbs, daughter of Dea. Humphrey Hobbs, 4 May, 1769. They lived in Amherst, now Milford. She d. 7 August, 1827, aged 82. Their children were—

29. *Aaron*, b. 15 January, 1774.
30. *Samuel*, b. 20 June, 1776.
31. *Betsy*, b. 29 September, 1778.
32. *Humphrey*, b. 18 November, 1779.
33. *John*, b. 3 February, 1782.
34. *Joseph*, b. 13 July, 1784.
35. *Amos*, b. 28 July, 1786; m. Sarah Wright 9 April, 1812.

II. 36. JOSEPH PEABODY, b. in 1644; d. in 1721; m. Bethiah Bridges; settled in Boxford, Mass. Their son—

III. 37. SAMUEL, b. 8 April, 1678; m. Lydia Holt 27 January, 1707; settled in Andover, Mass. He died prior to 1715.

IV. 38. MOSES, son of Samuel and Lydia Peabody, b. in 1708; d. in 1746; m. Sarah Holt 17 June, 1727; settled in Andover. Their children were—

- 39. *Lydia*, b. 5 July, 1731; m. Ebenezer Holt, jr., 15 February, 1753.
- 40. *Samuel*, b. 6 May, 1734; d. in infancy.
- 41. *Hannah*, b. 9 August, 1739.
- 42. †*Samuel*, b. 1 September, 1741; m. Elizabeth Wilkins.
- 43. *Rebecca*, b. 5 June, 1745; m. John Stiles of Boxford, Mass.

V. 42. SAMUEL PEABODY, b. 1 September, 1741; d. in Mont Vernon 6 August, 1814; m. Elizabeth, daughter of Joseph Wilkins, of Amherst. They settled in Andover, Mass., whence they rem. to Amherst in 1785. Their children were—

- 44. †*Moses*; m. *Lydia* Holt.
- 45. *Samuel*; m. Huldah Stiles 11 June, 1790; d. in June, 1825.
- 46. *John*; m. — Holt.
- 47. *Joseph*, b. 3 October, 1770; d. 1 November, 1853; m. (1) *Olive Berry* 4 September, 1800; m. (2) *Anna Flint* 22 October, 1805. They settled in Middleton, Mass., where he was a deacon in the church several years. Their children were—
  - 1. *Olive*, b. 14 July, 1801; d. young.
  - 2. *Samuel*, b. 10 August, 1806; res. in Middleton, Mass.
  - 3. *Olive*, b. 1 September, 1808; d. young.
  - 4. *Jeremiah Flint*, b. 9 August, 1812; res. in Danvers, Mass.
  - 5. *Anna*, b. 25 September, 1815; res. in Middleton.
  - 6. *Joseph*, b. 30 November, 1818; a teacher; res. in Lowell, Mass.
  - 7. *Dean*, b. 20 May, 1821; a lawyer; res. in Lynn, Mass.
- 48. *Sarah*; m. — Damon; settled in Marshfield, Vt.
- 49. *Aaron*; m. Edith Wilkins; d. in Mont Vernon; no children.
- 50. *Jacob*; m. Sally Wilkins; settled in Milford.
- 51. *Joel*, b. in 1778; m. Elizabeth Wilkins; settled in Middleton, Mass. Their children were—
  - 1. *Benjamin*, b. 14 March, 1810; res. in Middleton.
  - 2. *John Wilkins*, b. 2 March, 1812; res. in Middleton.
  - 3. *Joel Augustus*, b. 20 July, 1814; d. young.
  - 4. *Isaiah Brooks*, b. 2 June 1816; res. in Middleton.
  - 5. *Jessie*, b. 22 August, 1819; d. young.



VI. 44. **MOSES PEABODY**; d. in Mont Vernon 4 November, 1842; m. Lydia Holt 25 May, 1786. She d. 25 May, 1845, aged 88. Their children were—

52. *Moses*; m. Mary Marvell. He d. in the army at Burlington, Vt. in May, 1813. Their children were—

1. Keziah; m. Nahum Bullard.
2. Mary Ann; m. †Joshua F. Skinner in May, 1830.
3. A daughter; d. in infancy.

53. *Lydia*; m. Asahel Burnham.

54. **FRANCIS PEABODY**, b. 12 February, 1793; d. in Amherst 27 July, 1872; m. Lydia Peabody 23 December, 1819; she was b. 12 January, 1797; d. 20 March, 1862. They settled in New Boston, but rem. to Amherst in 1846. Their children were—

55. *Aaron F.*, b. 2 January, 1821.

56. *John*, b. 17 January, 1822; d. 30 November, 1824.

57. *Ann Maria*, b. 22 May, 1824; m. Rev. Charles Seccombe; d. at St. Anthony's Falls, Minn., 28 February, 1853.

58. *John*, b. 9 November, 1827; d. in Brookline 18 December, 1873.

59. *Lydia Esty*, b. 9 September, 1829.

60. *David*, b. 17 December, 1831.

61. *Margaret B.*, b. 23 April, 1837.

62. *George W.*, b. 11 October, 1838.

63. *Daniel A.*, b. 29 June, 1842.

## PEACOCK.

1. **WILLIAM PEACOCK** settled in Amherst prior to the war for independence. He d. 20 October, 1824, aged 75 years; m. Abigail ———. Their children were—

2. *Abigail*, b. 1 June, 1771; m. †Josiah Parker.

3. †*William*, b. 24 October, 1773; m. Huldah Hood.

4. *Daniel*, b. 12 September, 1776; m. twice; d. in Lempster.

5. *Betsey*, b. 29 September, 1778; m. †Timothy Wheeler.

6. *Sally*, b. 11 October, 1783; m. †John Ober.

3. **WILLIAM PEACOCK, JR.**, b. 24 October, 1773; d. 5 June, 1846; m. Huldah Hood, of Topsfield, Mass., in November,

1795. She was b. 28 November, 1775; d. 17 September, 1861. They resided in the south part of the town, near Hollis line. Their children were—

7. *William*, b. 13 December, 1796; m. *Fanny Burnham*; res. in Brookline, Mass.

8. *Kendall*, b. 17 September, 1798; m. *Harriett Duncklee*; d. 1 April, 1829.

9. *Henry*, } b. 9 March, 1800; { m. *Priscilla Blood*, of Hollis, 29 November, 1820.  
10. *Huldah*, } { d. 21 June, 1801.

11. *Freeman*, b. 16 April, 1802; m. *Eliza A. Pratt*, of Topsfield, Mass.; d. in Charlestown, Mass.

12. †*John*, b. 3 May, 1804.

13. *Rufus*, b. 12 August, 1807; m. *Nancy Tinkham*; d. 4 August, 1845.

14. *Nancy*, b. 1 August, 1809; m. *Willard Kendall*, of Hollis.

15. *Julia Ann*, b. 22 December, 1815; m. *Thomas W. Hayden*; d. in Amherst 31 October, 1848.

16. *Ezra Wilmarth*, b. 22 January, 1818; m. *Elizabeth Hamlet*, of Hollis; no children.

12. REV. JOHN PEACOCK, b. in Amherst 3 May, 1804; d. 13 June, 1876; m. (1) *Mary Rider*, of Goffstown, 14 December, 1830. She was b. 22 February, 1809; d. 5 September, 1840. He m. (2) *Eliza A. Rider*, sister of his first wife, 1 March, 1841. She was b. 23 February, 1812, and is now residing in Amherst. After fitting for the ministry Mr. Peacock was ordained and installed pastor of the Baptist church in Canaan 25 August, 1830, and remained in the ministry in Canaan and other places until his death. Their children were—

*Mary*, b. 18 May, 1840; m. *Charles A. Treadwell* 22 May, 1857; res. in Buxton, Me.

*Sarah F.*, b. 27 January, 1843; d. 6 November, 1845.

*John G.*, b. 8 February, 1848; m. ——— Plummer; res. on the "Lord" place in Amherst.

#### PEARSONS.

DIDYMUS PEARSONS, son of Amos and Elizabeth, was b. in Reading, Mass., 13 February, 1766; d. in Amherst 21 June,

1842. He m. Sarah Elliott 22 September, 1795. She d. in November, 1840, aged 68. Their children were—

*Luther*; m. Sarah Foster in April, 1822; d. at Salem, Mass., in July, 1833, aged 34.

†*Francis E.*; m. Huldah Wheeler.

*Jane*; d. 24 April, 1842, aged 39; unmarried.

FRANCIS E. PEARSONS, b. in 1807; d. 31 December, 1867; m. Huldah Wheeler, of Merrimack, 3 April, 1845. She was b. in 1808. Their children were—

*Adeline E.*, b. in 1842.

*Sarah F.*, b. in 1849.

*Mary J. W.*, b. in 1846.

*Sophia A.*, wife of Rev. Ira Pearsons, pastor of the Baptist church in Amherst, d. 8 September, 1848, aged 54.

#### PEASLEE.

WILLIAM S. PEASLEE m. Ellen M. Holbrook 1 December, 1869. She was b. 23 August, 1842. They res. on the farm formerly owned by Hon. William Fisk. Their children were—

*L. Nellie*, b. 12 October, 1871; d. 26 March, 1872.

*Amy Louise*, b. 11 February, 1873; d. 20 September, 1876.

*Ernest H.*, b. 12 November, 1876.

*Ethel O.*, b. 27 September, 1878.

#### PEDRICK.

*Elizabeth C.*, wife of Jacob G. Pedrick, d. 8 February, 1877, aged 51 years.

#### PERHAM.

*Dolly Perham* d. in June, 1804, aged 17.

#### PERKINS.

1. JOSEPH PERKINS rem. from Beverly, Mass., to Amherst, prior to the war for independence. He d. in Mont Vernon in December, 1823, aged 92 years. His son—

2. CAPT. JOSEPH PERKINS, JR., b. in Beverly, Mass., 6 February, 1761; d. in Mont Vernon 22 November, 1822; m. Hannah, daughter of James Woodbury. She was b. 5 October, 1766; d. 15 April, 1856. Their children were—

3. *Hannah*, b. 10 August, 1783; m. Levi Ray.

4. *Mark Dodge*, b. 5 June, 1785; m. (1) Mahala Jones; m. (2) Cynthia Johnson. He voted for Gen. Hancock at the presidential election in 1880, and d. in Mont Vernon 22 July, 1881, aged 96 years.

5. *John Trask*, b. 7 December, 1787; d. in Mont Vernon 16 January, 1859; unmarried.

6. *Lucretia*, b. 6 March, 1790; m. Jesse Woodbury, of Weare.

7. *Joseph*, b. in March, 1794; d. in infancy.

8. *Joseph*, b. 18 April, 1796; m. (1) Sally Smith; m. (2) Susan Locke; d. in Mont Vernon 21 October, 1877.

9. *James Woodbury*, b. 6 March, 1797; d. in infancy.

10. *James Woodbury*, b. 17 April, 1798; m. Fanny Cochran, of New Boston; d. in New Chester, Wis., 30 March, 1874.

11. *Sarah*, b. 20 April, 1800; m. Joseph Trow, of Mont Vernon, 22 March, 1825; d. in Mont Vernon 31 July, 1837.

12. *Hiram*, b. 16 May, 1802; m. Sophia Lampson 23 February, 1837; d. 13 November, 1880.

13. *Solomon*, b. 2 March, 1804; d. young.

14. *Catherine*, b. 15 September, 1805; m. Elijah Putnam, jr., 4 May, 1826; res. in Amherst.

15. *Elbridge Fisk*, b. 9 September, 1811; m. (1) Abby Wilkins in March, 1834. She d. 4 October, 1853; m. (2) Mary L. Jones 31 January, 1854; res. in East Wilton.

## PERRY.

EBENEZER PERRY, b. in Newburyport, Mass., 28 February, 1773; d. in Manchester 25 June, 1860; m. Bridget Greeley 17 April, 1797. She was b. in Nottingham West, now Hudson, 8 July, 1777; d. in Bedford 24 November, 1851. She was a sister to the father of Horace Greeley. They resided in Londonderry, Weare, Amherst, and Bedford. Their children were—

1. *Permelia*, b. in Londonderry in November, 1797; d. in infancy.

2. *Varnum*, b. in Londonderry 9 March, 1799.

3. *Lavinia*, b. in Weare 7 April, 1801; m. Peter Young; d. in Hooksett 28 March, 1850.
4. *Permelia P.*, b. in Weare 2 July, 1803; m. †Silas Parkhurst, of Bedford, 5 January, 1828; d. 10 March, 1845.
5. *Oreis B.*, b. in Weare 12 May, 1805; d. in Manchester 1 March, 1850.
6. *Lutheria E.*, b. in Weare 7 July, 1807.
7. *Zaccheus G.*, b. in Bedford 6 October, 1812; m. Hannah Thompson in October, 1836; res. in Merrimack.
8. *Louisa C.*, b. in Bedford 18 July, 1814; m. Charles F. Shepard, of Bedford, 20 February, 1838.
9. *Lorenzo D.*, b. in Bedford 3 August, 1816.
10. *John A.*, b. in Londonderry 22 January, 1818.
11. *Alfred F.*, b. in Amherst 13 March, 1822.
12. *Charlotte A.*, b. in Bedford 10 June, 1824; m. Samuel Sinclair, jr., of New York, 23 October, 1848.

#### PETTENGILL.

JOSHUA PETTENGILL resided in Pond Parish, and was here prior to the incorporation of the town in 1760. In his old age he became poor, and, with his wife, was supported by the town. He was the first person whose remains were carried to the grave in a hearse owned by the town. He d. in April, 1804. His wife d. in April, 1804, aged 85. Their children were—

*Joshua.*

*Molly.*

*Richard.*

#### PHELPS.

NATHAN PHELPS, son of Joseph and Elizabeth Phelps, of Reading, Mass., was b. in Reading 24 August, 1734; m. Bethiah Upton 17 March, 1761. They settled in Amherst prior to 1763. Their children were—

1. *Elizabeth*, b. 8 July, 1762; d. 17 September, 1817.
2. *Jonathan*: m. (2) Hannah Marden, of New Boston; settled in Sutton.
3. *Samuel*: m. Sally Perkins 28 June, 1795.
4. †*Amos*; m. Sarah Whiting.
5. *Susan*: d. unmarried.
6. *Sally*: d. unmarried.

4. AMOS PHELPS, b. in 1777; d. 3 March, 1861; m. Sarah Whiting 20 November, 1800. She d. 16 April, 1851, aged 72. They resided in Amherst. Their children were—

7. *Daniel*; m. Mary Pike in December, 1834; d. 26 January, 1864, aged 62. She d. 26 July, 1842.

8. *Mary*; m. ——— Murdough; res. in Hillsborough.

9. *Almond*; m. ———; d. in Weare 5 January, 1866, aged 60 years.

10. †*Horace*, b. in 1805; m. Betsey Ober.

11. *Ede Elizabeth*; m. David Hopkins; res. in Amherst.

12. *Lucy*; m. Isaac Combs; res. in Amherst.

13. JOHN PHELPS, a brother of Nathan, was b. in Reading, Mass., 12 September, 1743; m. Mary ———. They resided in Amherst several years. Their children, whose births were recorded on the town records, were—

14. *Polly*, b. 23 November, 1773.

15. *Deborah*, b. 13 September, 1775.

16. *Sybil*, b. 30 November, 1777.

17. *John Lovejoy*, b. 17 April, 1780.

10. HORACE PHELPS, b. in 1805; m. Betsey Ober 27 June, 1835. Their children were—

18. *Sophia E.*, b. in 1836.

19. *George*, b. in 1839; d. in August, 1851.

20. *Charles H.*, b. in 1842; was a member of the 5th Regiment N. H. Vols., and was killed in battle at Gettysburg, Pa., 3 July, 1863.

21. *Frank A.*, b. in 1850; m. Lizzie G. Judkins 25 December, 1876; res. in Nashua.

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*Mary*, wife of Jonathan Phelps, d. 28 March, 1803.

### PHILBRICK.

*Joseph Philbrick* d. 13 March, 1868, aged 64.

*Anna Evelyn*, daughter of Albert M. Philbrick, d. 28 August, 1877.

### PIKE.

*Benjamin Pike* d. in October, 1803, aged 81.

*Lydia*, wife of Joseph Pike, d. 15 February, 1781.

*Mrs. Pike*, wife of Enoch Pike, d. in October, 1803.

## PLUMMER.

*Ida M. Plummer* d. 11 September, 1878, aged 3 years 10 months and 11 days.

## POLLARD.

*Mrs. Lucy Pollard* d. in December, 1828, aged 75.

## PORTER.

CHARLES PORTER, b. in Boston, Mass., 2 July, 1796; d. 17 September, 1832. His parents removed to Vermont when he was quite young, and d. shortly after, leaving him the oldest of several children. He came to Amherst about 1820, and carried on the boot and shoe-making business here until his death. He m. Betsey Henchman, daughter of Dr. Nathaniel Henchman. She d. in Manchester 9 February, 1860. I have the record of the birth of but one of their children—

*Charles Henchman*, b. 27 November, 1824.

## PRATT.

LOEA PRATT, son of Isaac and Melitable (Nichols) Pratt, b. in Reading, Mass., 23 April, 1785; d. in Amherst 11 July, 1875; m. (1) Lucy Hartshorn 22 December, 1814. She d. 4 November, 1841; m. (2) Rebecca Wallace, of Milford. He settled in Amherst about 1813, on the place cleared by John Washer on Christian Hill. The children of Loea and Lucy H. Pratt were—

*Edward H.*; m. Gulina H. Hopkinson, of Buxton, Me., 24 July, 1840. He was a physician in Great Falls, where he d. 15 November, 1867.

*Stephen H.*, b. 15 August, 1818; married; settled in Baltimore, Md., as a physician, and d. there 19 January, 1855.

*Frederic N.*, b. 21 March, 1825; d. in Baltimore 4 July, 1846.

*William*, b. 31 March, 1830; m. Lucy Elliott 3 March, 1864; res. on the homestead; no children.

## PRENTISS.

JOHN PRENTISS rem. from Mont Vernon to Amherst in 1825, where he was cashier of the Farmers' Bank through the whole of its existence. He was also town-clerk and postmaster some years during the time. His wife, Mrs. Azubah Prentiss, played the organ in the meeting house several years. He d. in Claremont 2 March, 1868, aged 82 years. Their children were—

*Howard.*

*John J.*; m. Mary Ann, daughter of Hon. Edmund Parker; settled in Claremont; was speaker of the New Hampshire House of Representatives in 1855. They now res. in Chicago, Ill.

*Henry*; d. young.

## PRINCE.

I. RICHARD PRINCE, the ancestor of the family bearing that name in Amherst, settled in Salem Village, now Danvers, Mass.; m. Sarah Warren in 1662. He d. 4 January, 1674. She d. in May, 1692. The house he built is still standing in Danvers (1881). The children of Richard and Sarah (Warren) Prince were James, Elizabeth, †Joseph, Richard, and probably others.

II. JOSEPH, son of Richard Prince, m. Elizabeth Robinson 3 June, 1698. Their children were—

*Robert*, b. 29 December, 1700.

†*Joseph*, b. 30 May, 1702; settled in Souhegan West.

*Timothy*, b. 17 October, 1703.

*Elizabeth*, baptized 29 July, 1705.

*Solomon*, baptized 30 March, 1707.

III. 1. LT. JOSEPH PRINCE, son of Joseph and Elizabeth (Robinson) Prince, b. in Salem Village 30 May, 1702; m. Elizabeth Rollins, of Souhegan West, about 1749. He d. 28 November, 1789. She d. 29 June, 1823, aged 98 years. He was one of the original grantees of the township in the right of his uncle, Richard Prince, and is believed to have been the only one of the original proprietors who settled here. Their children were—



2. *Elizabeth*, b. 18 February, 1750; m. (1) *David Cady*; m. (2) *Benjamin Roby*; d. in Merrimack in October, 1830.

3. †*Joseph*.

4. *Hannah*; m. †*John Hartshorn*; d. in Amherst 19 December, 1795, aged 42.

5. *Sarah*; m. †*Thaddeus Dunklee*; rem. to Vermont where they lived in Johnson and Rutland.

6. †*Abel*, b. 1 June, 1757.

7. *Mary*, b. in 1760; m. †*David Melvin*; d. in Amherst 6 September, 1844.

8. *Susannah*; m. *Ralph Ellenwood*; rem. to Johnson, Vt., about 1790; d. there 10 November, 1838, aged 75.

9. *John*; m. *Mindwell Mills*; rem. to Johnson, Vt.; enlisted in the army in the war of 1812. After the close of the war he rem. to Indiana where he died.

10. *Anna*; m. *David Reddington* 5 May, 1786; rem. to Vermont; afterward to Greensborough, Ind.

11. †*Solomon*, b. 4 August, 1771.

IV. 3. *JOSEPH PRINCE, JR.*, m. *Sarah Wyatt*, a native of Danvers, Mass. They lived on the homestead of Lt. *Joseph Prince*, where he d. in 1800. Their children were—

12. *Sally*, b. 5 January, 1777; m. *Samuel Baker* in 1798; rem. to Vermont, and d. there.

13. *Polly*, b. 14 June, 1779; m. *Daniel Lyon* 10 November, 1807; rem. to Vermont.

14. *Fanny*, b. 20 March, 1781; m. *Andrew S. Stanley* 23 April, 1807; rem. to Knowlesville, N. Y., in 1816; d. in Ridgway, N. Y., 18 October, 1878, aged 97.

15. *Joseph*, b. 29 July, 1783; d. in infancy.

16. †*George Wyatt*, b. 10 June, 1785.

17. *Joseph*, b. 29 October, 1787; m. *Hannah Stiles* 30 March, 1813; d. in Pennsylvania.

18. *Samuel*, b. 10 May, 1790; m. *Eliza Kittredge* in 1814; settled in Royalton, Vt.; afterward rem. to Whitewater, Wis.; d. in 1867.

19. *Solomon*, b. 14 November, 1792; d. in Charlestown, Mass., 12 January, 1813.

20. *John*, b. 16 August, 1795; m. *Mary McIntosh* 25 March, 1817; rem. to Randolph, Vt., where he d. 1 June, 1866.

V. 16. *GEORGE WYATT PRINCE*, b. 10 June, 1785; d. in Tyngsborough, Mass., 16 December, 1834; m. *Betsey*

Howard 20 December, 1811. She was b. 18 October, 1785; d. 26 October, 1874. Their children were—

21. *Sarah*, b. 2 November, 1812; d. 15 May, 1836; unmarried.

22. *Louisa*, b. 28 February, 1815; m. Rufus Parkhurst, of Bedford, 22 April, 1839; res. in Bedford.

23. *George*, b. 22 January, 1817; m. Fanny Coggin, of Mont Vernon, 5 December, 1839; d. in New Boston 20 May, 1882.

24. *Caroline*, b. 17 June, 1819; m. Levi Spalding, of Lyndeborough, 28 November, 1839.

25. *Emeline*, b. 17 June, 1819; m. Darius L. Fox, of Dracut, Mass., 20 January, 1848.

26. *Joseph*, b. 18 December, 1822; d. in Auburn 18 October, 1848; unmarried.

27. *David Stanley*, b. 4 September, 1826; m. Eliza Pearsons, of Tewksbury, Mass., in April, 1848; settled first in Orange, but rem. to Salisbury, where he now resides.

28. †*Solomon*, b. 18 April, 1831.

VI. 28. SOLOMON PRINCE, b. 18 April, 1831; m. Harriet Fletcher 28 April, 1851. She was b. 26 September, 1833. They res. on the homestead of his great-grandfather, Lt. Joseph Prince, which has been in the possession of the family more than 130 years. Their children were—

29. *Martha J.*, b. 6 January, 1853; m. Wilder J. Prince 17 April, 1872.

30. *Rodney H.*, b. 21 September, 1856; m. Emily F. Carter 30 May, 1878. She d. 1 February, 1880.

IV. 6. ABEL PRINCE, b. 1 January, 1757; d. 9 June, 1838; m. Fanny Cowen, of Merrimack, 3 November, 1782; she d. 16 October, 1841, aged 79. He was a soldier in the war of the Revolution. Their children were—

31. *Betsey*, b. 3 March, 1783; m. †Samuel Hildreth 7 October, 1802; d. 25 December, 1869.

32. *John*, b. in 1785; m. — Brown; settled in Camden, Me.

33. *Abigail*, b. 31 March, 1787; d. 18 June, 1848; unmarried.

34. *Abel*.

35. *Joseph*, b. 2 July, 1792; m. Lucinda Bates; settled in Warren, Pa., where he d. 16 April, 1844.

36. †*James*, b. 2 August, 1794.

37. *Nancy*, b. in September, 1796; m. (1) Joseph Wallace, of Milford, 14 November, 1816; m. (2) Thomas Proctor, of Hollis.

38. *Fanny*, b. 12 January, 1798; m. Seth Nichols; settled in Warren, Pa.

39. *Sarah*, b. 12 February, 1800; m. Cyrus Foster in April, 1829; settled in Elmira, Me.

40. *Rebecca*, b. 15 August, 1803; m. Enoch Gage, of Merrimack, 31 December, 1833.

V. 36. JAMES PRINCE, b. 2 August, 1794; d. 28 August, 1852; m. (1) Polly Upham 10 April, 1826. She was b. 19 September, 1799; d. 4 April, 1837; m. (2) Nancy Simonds 1 February, 1838. Their children were—

41. *Mary*, b. 24 June, 1827; m. (1) Charles A. Russell 7 November, 1844; m. (2) John F. Beason, of Nashua; d. at Rice Lake, Dodge Co., Minn., 14 May, 1869.

42. *James U.*, b. 30 August, 1828; m. Louisa J. Osgood 24 October, 1850.

43. *Lucinda*, b. 31 May, 1830; m. Levi Stratton 4 November, 1847; d. at Owatonna, Minn., 8 October, 1867.

44. *Ann Jane*, b. 2 April, 1832; d. in Amherst 26 March, 1857; unmarried.

45. *Lousina*, b. 1 January, 1834; m. Taylor Jones; res. at Rice Lake, Minn.

VI. 42. JAMES U. PRINCE, b. 30 August, 1828; m. Louisa J. Osgood 24 October, 1850. She was b. 8 June, 1832. Their children were—

46. † *Wilder J.*, b. 30 April, 1852.

47. *Mary Louisa*, b. 5 January, 1856; d. 7 September, 1857.

48. *Lilla Maria*, b. 25 July, 1862.

49. *Ida Alicia*, b. 5 July 1867; d. 17 July, 1867.

VII. 46. WILDER J. PRINCE, b. 30 April, 1852; m. Martha J. Prince 17 April, 1872. She was b. 6 January, 1853. Their children are—

50. *Burton Wilder*, b. 7 July, 1874.

51. *Louis Osgood*, b. 25 April, 1879.

IV. 11. SOLOMON PRINCE, b. 4 August, 1771; d. 3 December, 1863; m. Mary Mussey, daughter of Dr. John

Mussey, 21 January, 1796. She was b. in Pelham 4 December, 1775 ; d. 17 June, 1847. He was one of the substantial farmers of the town, and a good citizen. Their children were—

52. *Hannah*, b. 10 March, 1797 ; m. Isaac McIntosh, of Bedford, 26 December, 1816. They rem. to Bethel, Vt., where she d. 25 March, 1881.

53. *Dimond*, b. 13 February, 1799 ; d. 22 September, 1800.

54. *Mary*, b. 13 April, 1801 ; d. in Amherst 18 March, 1883 ; unm.

55. †*Luther*, b. 15 April, 1803.

56. *Clarinda*, b. 18 March, 1805 ; m. †Bryant Melendy.

57. *Lucinda*, b. 9 March, 1807 ; d. 11 July, 1808.

58. †*Calvin*, b. 11 June, 1809.

59. †*John*, b. 22 September, 1811.

60. *Beulah*, b. 24 February, 1814 ; d. of spotted fever, 13 June, 1825.

61. *A daughter*, b. 22 August, 1816 ; d. 5 September, 1816.

V. 55. LUTHER PRINCE, b. 15 April, 1803 ; d. 18 November, 1862 ; m. Hannah Farr, of Harvard, Mass., 24 April, 1829. She was b. 27 March, 1796 ; d. 4 April, 1857. They settled in Amherst, near his father's, on the Manchester road. Their children were—

62. †*Francis L.*, b. 5 February, 1831.

63. *John M.*, b. 28 October, 1832.

64. *Sarah*, b. 23 August, 1835 ; unmarried.

VI. 62. FRANCIS L. PRINCE, b. 5 February, 1831 ; m. Louise M. Durgin 4 November, 1855. She was b. in Franklin 1 June, 1837. They lived first in Amherst, thence they rem. to Manchester ; afterward to Webster, Mass., where they now reside. Their children are—

65. *Nellie M.*, b. 12 November, 1858 ; married ; res. in Manchester.

66. *Walter F.*, b. 10 June, 1861.

67. *Louise Alice*, b. 7 February, 1866.

68. *Irene Calvert*, b. 24 December, 1868.

VI. 63. JOHN MUSSEY PRINCE, b. 28 October, 1832 ; m. Clara K. Durgin 1 January, 1861. She was b. in Franklin 15 May, 1842. Their children are—

69. *Lucretia A.*, b. 19 September, 1862.

70. *Arthur D.*, b. 15 April, 1864.

71. *Grace A.*, b. 2 March, 1870.

72. *Dora F.*, b. 1 January, 1872.

73. *Freddie F.*, b. 3 June, 1877.

V. 58. CALVIN PRINCE, b. 11 June, 1809 ; m. Abigail Read Wheeler 14 May, 1835. She was b. 16 March, 1815. They res. near the Chickering bridge, on the old New Boston road. Their children were—

74. *Lucinda Maria*, b. 4 April, 1836 ; d. 23 February, 1859 ; unm.

75. *Mary Elizabeth*, b. 31 March, 1837 ; d. 28 November, 1851.

76. *Caroline M.*, b. 8 December, 1838 ; m. Leonard J. Brown 19 December, 1861 ; lives in Sandy Creek, N. Y. ; three children.

77. *Solomon E.*, b. 12 June, 1843 ; d. 16 September, 1844.

78. *Charles A.*, b. 4 November, 1846.

79. *William H.*, b. 1 July, 1848 ; d. 9 October, 1849.

VI. 78. CHARLES A. PRINCE, b. 4 November, 1846 ; m. Margaret S. Welch, of Lowell, Mass., 8 February, 1869. Their children are—

80. *Willie Furber*, b. 6 February, 1870.

81. *Calvin O.*, b. 1 December, 1872.

82. *Anna L. R.*, b. 1 April, 1875.

83. *Lilla E.*, b. 14 February, 1878.

V. 59. JOHN PRINCE, b. 22 September, 1811 ; m. (1) Abigail Sleeper 2 June, 1835. She was b. in Francestown 21 February, 1811 ; d. in Amherst 1 May, 1850 ; he m. (2) Harriet Keley 25 October, 1860. She was b. 2 June, 1816 ; settled in Amherst, where he carried on the cabinet and furniture business ; rem. to Manchester in 1850, where he is now engaged in the nursery business ; has been a member of the common council of that city. Their children (all b. in Amherst) were—

84. *John Albert*, b. 15 April, 1836 ; d. 18 October, 1836.

85. *Henry Adams*, b. 24 July, 1837 ; m. Rachel Langdon 28 June, 1868 ; settled at Gauley Bridge, Va. He was employed in the quartermaster's department at Hilton Head and Washington in the civil war.

86. *Albert Page*, b. 21 February, 1840; d. 9 February, 1841.  
 87. *Edward Payson*, b. 17 July, 1842; d. 7 April, 1845.  
 88. *Mary J.*, b. 16 June, 1844; m. *Lyman Cheney*, of Franklin, 2 November, 1876; res. in Lawrence, Mass.  
 89. *John*, b. 13 April, 1850; m. *Georgie S. Cook* 16 June, 1874; settled in Manchester; d. 27 March, 1880.

## PURPLE.

JOHN PURPLE (OR PURFIELD), a native of Wales, was "impressed" into the British naval service, from which he deserted and joined the American army, in which he served at Saratoga, where he witnessed the surrender of Burgoyne. He used to say "Gates lay drunk in his tent at Saratoga while Arnold was fighting." After the war closed he settled in Amherst, where he m. *Lydia Lewis* 11 October, 1785. She d. 11 March, 1830, aged about 80 years.

As old age came on his wife died, and, to crown his misfortunes, he became totally blind. In this condition he was kindly cared for by a neighbor for the semi-annual pension he received for his revolutionary services. He d. 6 January, 1842, at the great age of 98 years. They had two children—

*Robert*; d. in the army during the war of 1812; unmarried.

*John*; served in the war of 1812, and, at its close, returned home. He again left town and has not since been heard from.

## PUTNAM.

The will of JACOB PUTNAM, of Wilton, approved 28 February, 1791, names wife, *Patience*; children—

*Nathaniel.*

*Calb*; deceased.

*Philip.*

*Sarah.*

*Stephen.*

*Mehitable.*

† *Joseph.*

*Archelaus.*

*Jacob.*

1. JOSEPH PUTNAM, b. in Wilton in October, 1763; d. 5 February, 1861, aged 97; m. (1) *Rebecca Burton*; m. (2)

Nancy Hartshorn 7 December, 1831. He resided in Antrim and Hancock, whence he rem. to Amherst in 1810, where he d. His children were—

2. *Permelia* : m. Hugh Brown ; resided in Andover, Manchester, and Stoddard ; finally in Amherst, where she d. 9 January, 1871.

3. *Joseph* : m. Lucy Rumrill, of Milford.

4. *Rebecca* : m. Eleazer Rhoads, of Amherst, 29 November, 1837 ; d. 16 December, 1849.

5. *John* : m. (1) Sabrina Wiley 30 March, 1817 ; m. (2) Mary Frye : d. in Lawrence, Mass.

6. *Sarah* : m. (1) Joseph Barnes, of Merrimack, 27 December, 1817 ; m. (2) Oliver Barrett, of Wilton.

7. *James* : m. Betsey Saltmarsh, of Hooksett ; d. in Hooksett 16 March, 1874.

8. *Mary*, b. 6 October, 1799 ; m. †Hiram D. Stearns, of Amherst, in November, 1825 ; d. 30 March, 1879.

9. *Jacob* : d. 16 September, 1824.

10. CAPT. ELIJAH PUTNAM, son of Jonathan and Lucy (Lane) Putnam ; b. in Rindge 5 January, 1780 ; rem. to Bedford, Mass., when young ; came to Amherst in 1812 ; d. 18 October, 1855 ; m. (1) Lucy Webber 28 April, 1803. She was b. 27 October, 1780 ; d. 20 September, 1837. He m. (2) Hannah Lane 27 September, 1838. She was b. in Bedford, Mass., 11 October, 1789 ; d. 22 April, 1874. Their children were—

11. †*Elijah*, b. 16 February, 1804.

12. *Lucy Adeline*, b. 21 October, 1807 ; m. †Jonathan Knight.

11. ELIJAH PUTNAM, JR., b. 16 February, 1804 ; m. Catharine Perkins 4 May, 1826. She was b. in Mont Vernon 15 September, 1805. Their children were—

13. *Caroline Frances*, b. 1 June, 1828 ; m. Jeremiah O. Pulsifer 21 February, 1856.

14. *Helen*, b. 13 September, 1833 ; m. John F. Whiting, of Amherst, 28 November, 1861 ; d. 29 November, 1868.

15. MARK PUTNAM, b. in Nashua, 10 December, 1818 ; d. in Amherst 20 January, 1882 ; m. Mary W. Twiss 10 December, 1839. For more than forty years he was engaged

in the cotton manufacturing business, which he followed as an overseer in the mills at West Springfield, Mass., Nashua, and other places. In 1872 he came to Amherst and purchased the old homestead of his wife's family, on which he made many improvements. In the spring of 1878 he was elected one of the board of selectmen, which office he held at the time of his death. He was a good and respected citizen, and his death was a public loss. Their children were—

16. *Ellen*, b. in Nashua 30 July, 1841; m. Alvin E. Bennett in April, 1861; res. in Nashua.

17. *George W.* (adopted son), b. 19 August, 1856; m. Celia M. Shedd, of Mont Vernon, 2 August, 1881; res. in Amherst.

#### RAY—REA.

1. **JAMES RAY**, or **REA**, as the name was formerly spelled, was the only child of James and Elizabeth (Dodge) Rea, of Beverly, Mass., where he was b. 1 May, 1759. After his father's death his mother m. Peter Woodbury, of Beverly, and they rem. to the north-west part of Amherst, now Mont Vernon, in 1773. There young Ray settled and m. *Mehitable*, daughter of James Woodbury, 3 May, 1780. He was a noted inn-keeper, and an active man in the north-west parish and the town of Mont Vernon. Near the close of his life he rem. to Amherst and kept the tavern on the spot now occupied by J. B. Fay, where he d. 15 January, 1830, aged 72 years. His widow, b. in Beverly 15 August, 1762, d. in Franeestown 14 February, 1858. Their children were—

2. *James*, b. 9 July, 1780; d. 2 April, 1857; m. Elsey Dana 26 April, 1810.

3. *John*, b. 13 August, 1781.

4. *Mehitable*, b. 15 April, 1783; m. †John Moor, of New Boston.

5. *Levi*, b. 13 July, 1785.

6. *Sabrina W.*, b. 14 October, 1786; d. in December, 1802.



7. *Henry Hammond*, b. 9 September, 1789 ; d. 20 February, 1829.
8. *Nancy*, b. 24 March, 1791 ; m. Ephraim Pike 10 September, 1809.
9. *Frances W.*, b. 13 January, 1794 ; m. James W. Haseltine, of Francetown, in 1814 ; d. at Manchester 12 December, 1877.
10. *John T.*, b. 15 November, 1795.
11. *Elizabeth D.*, b. 8 May, 1798 ; m. Newell Dean in December, 1828 ; d. in Boston, Mass., 7 July, 1858.
12. *Mary*, b. 31 May, 1800.
13. *Peter W.*, b. 5 December, 1802.
14. *Horace*, b. 5 November, 1807.

15. EBENEZER RAY ; m. Lydia Maccalley, b. in Ireland. Their children were—

16. *Sarah* ; m. Robert Wiley 19 September, 1793 ; d. in South Reading, Mass.
17. *Lydia* ; d. unm. at St. Johnsbury, Vt.
18. *John*, b. 6 September, 1773 ; m. Betsey Langdell 28 November, 1799.
19. *Ebenezer*, b. 23 July, 1776.
20. † *Perley Putnam*, b. 24 January, 1778.
21. *A son and a daughter*, b. and d. 29 December, 1779.
22. *A son*, b. 23 February, 1781 ; d. young.
23. *Anna*, b. 4 May, 1782 ; m. George Haynes 2 November, 1806 ; d. at Bennington, Vt., in October, 1860.
24. *Aaron*, b. 7 May, 1784 ; d. at Dunbarton in February, 1846.
25. *Jeremiah*, } b. 23 June, 1786 ;
26. *Lucy*, } m. Samuel Fowle 22 August, 1805.
27. *Benjamin*, b. 4 June, 1788.
28. *William* ; d. in Vermont.

20. PERLEY PUTNAM RAY, b. in Amherst 24 January, 1778 ; d. in Dunbarton 6 September, 1846 ; m. Anna Holmes, of Dunbarton, 11 October, 1807. She was b. in Dunbarton 24 January, 1780 ; d. in Webster 8 November, 1879. Their children were—

29. *William*, b. 26 September, 1808 ; m. Lydia Soule, of Boston, Mass., 28 December, 1843 ; d. in Dunbarton, 22 October, 1848.
30. *Mary Ann*, b. in Dunbarton 9 October, 1812 ; m. Hiram Clifford 29 May, 1845 ; now res. in Webster.
31. *Susan*, b. 3 July, 1817 ; d. 22 April, 1833.

## RAYMOND.

PERLEY RAYMOND, b. in Westford, Mass., 2 December, 1792; d. in Winchester, Mass., 4 September, 1873; m. Hannah Fletcher 22 March, 1821. She was b. in Thetford, Vt., 2 March, 1793; d. in Winchester 8 March, 1881. They resided several years on Chestnut Hill, on the farm now occupied by Oliver Carter. Their children were—

*Charles A.*, b. 13 January, 1822; res. in Wilton.

*Nancy Jane*, b. 9 June, 1824; m. John W. Adams; res. in Winchester, Mass.

*John Patterson*, b. 23 December, 1827; married; res. in California.

*William Perley*, b. 22 May, 1830; married; res. in California.

*Martha Maria*, b. 8 March, 1834; m. Perley Slater; res. in Somerville, Mass.

## READ.

COL. ROBERT READ was a native of Westford, Mass., whence he rem. to Litchfield; thence he rem. to Amherst prior to 1760. He d. 11 September, 1803, aged 83; m. (1) Mary Abbot. She was b. 20 July, 1720; m. (2) Joanna Danforth 11 January, 1792. Their children were—

*William*; settled in Amherst; was for many years a merchant on the Plain; m. (2) Abigail Howard 26 June, 1791; d. 10 October, 1834, aged 80. She d. at Nashua 15 June, 1852, aged 81.

*Lemuel*.

*Robert*.

*Mary*.

*Olive*; m. Capt. Samuel Greele, of Wilton.

ROBERT READ, b. 18 October, 1785; d. at Manchester 10 March, 1857; succeeded William Read in the store on Amherst Plain where he was an active business man several years; was town-clerk 13 years, and representative 3 years; rem. to Nashua about 1835, and a few years later to Manchester, where he was employed as agent for manufacturing companies. He m. (1) Rebecca, daughter of Frederick French, Esq., 16 December, 1818. She d. at Nashua 18 Oc-

tober, 1836; m. (2) Jane McLellan. She was b. 19 January, 1809; d. 10 August, 1872. Their children were—

*William*; a physician in Boston.

*Abigail G.*

*Helen.*

*Mary French*, d. 23 September, 1826.

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*Walter Read*, son of Samuel Read, m. Charlotte Taylor 3 April, 1832. She d. 28 December, 1835. He m. (2) Miriam Jackson 28 March, 1837. He d. in West Springfield, Mass., 1 December, 1877, aged 70.

*Walter David*, son of Walter and Charlotte Read, d. 14 September, 1835, aged 2 years and 3 months.

*Wilder Read*, a native of Hollis, resided in Amherst 30 years. He d. 4 April, 1877, aged 76 years and 6 months.

*William Read* d. 8 April, 1858, aged 19.

## RHOADS.

1. ELEAZER RHOADS, from Dedham, Mass., res. for many years in Amherst; an inn-keeper, farmer, and brick-maker. He m. (1) Elizabeth Bullard 4 November, 1794; she d. 2 May, 1836, aged 64; m. (2) Rebecca Putnam 29 November, 1837. She d. 16 December, 1849, aged 58. He d. suddenly in his field, where he had been at work, 27 June, 1855, aged 84. Their children were—

2. *Clarissa*, b. 21 April, 1795; m. †Benjamin Leavitt.

3. *Catharine*, b. 28 September, 1797; d. 23 November, 1814.

4. *Lucy*, b. 19 April, 1801; m. (1) Joshua Horne 18 November, 1831; m. (2) Luther W. Nichols; m. (3) James Chandler. She d. at New Ipswich 9 June, 1878.

5. *Abby*, b. 3 August, 1804; m. (1) James Newell 17 June, 1832; m. (2) James Chandler 27 June, 1854; d. 9 June, 1878; Mr. Chandler d. 31 January, 1878.

6. *Moses*, b. 30 June, 1806; d. 13 March, 1807.

7. †*Warren*, b. 17 February, 1808.

8. †*Charles*, b. 26 June, 1810.

9. *Betsy*, b. 9 October, 1811; d. young.

10. *Harriet M.*, b. 5 May, 1813; m. Henry Tolman 25 February, 1835.

11. *Alfred*, b. 24 December, 1818; d. 20 May, 1848.

7. WARREN RHOADS, b. 17 February, 1808 ; m. Elizabeth Roach 16 June, 1837. Their children were—

12. *William H.*, b. 24 March, 1839.

13. *Sarah Catharine*, b. 5 April, 1840 ; d. 23 September, 1858.

14. *David H.*, b. 24 December, 1845.

15. *Albert*, b. 1 January, 1848.

8. CHARLES RHOADS, b. 26 June, 1810 ; d. 1 November, 1872 ; m. (1) Jane Taylor 26 December, 1835 ; she d. 30 July, 1836, aged 21 ; m. (2) Martha J. ——— ; she d. 4 May, 1870.

#### RICHARDSON.

1. PARKER RICHARDSON, b. at Methuen, Mass., 28 June, 1766 ; d. in Mont Vernon 6 November, 1842 ; m. Susan Fuller 12 May, 1789. She was b. 4 April, 1770 ; d. 22 March, 1843. They lived in the easterly part of Mont Vernon, formerly Amherst. Their children were—

2. *Jotham*, b. 23 April, 1790 ; m. Ruthy Cloutman 1 December, 1814.

3. *Tamsin*, b. 31 August, 1792 ; m. Benjamin H. Gage 7 December, 1815 ; d. in Lowell, Mass.

4. *Nancy Dodge*, b. 11 August, 1799 ; m. Nathan K. Seaton 25 December, 1817 ; d. in Kentucky.

5. *Mary*, b. 31 December, 1801 ; d. 20 January, 1802.

6. *Mary Jane*, b. 19 April, 1806 ; m. †William L. Kidder 25 April, 1826 ; d. 27 August, 1880.

7. *Susan*, b. in November, 1809 ; m. Francis Kidder 19 August, 1830.

8. AARON RICHARDSON, son of Capt. Aaron Richardson, was b. in Newton, Mass., 15 February, 1779 ; m. Nancy——. They lived a few years on what is now known as the "Crooker" place. There, in a fit of insanity, he committed suicide by hanging himself in his barn in 1812. Their children were—

9. *Nancy*.

11. *Sarah P.*

10. *Aaron*.

12. CAPT. CHARLES RICHARDSON, b. in Sudbury, Mass., 10 October, 1791 ; d. in Worcester, Mass., 12 December, 1878 ;

m. Mary Locke, of Woburn, Mass., 14 June, 1812. She was b. 3 August, 1791; d. in Worcester 22 March, 1875. They resided a few years in Charlestown, Mass., thence rem. to Mont Vernon, where they remained but a short time; rem. to Amherst, where he was deputy sheriff and jail-keeper more than twenty years. After this he rem. to Manchester, where he was paymaster in the Amoskeag mills. Leaving Manchester he settled in Worcester, where he died. Their children were—

13. *Charles A.*, b. 16 September, 1813; d. in Manchester 26 August, 1853; unmarried.

14. *Andrew J.*, b. 20 April, 1815; m. Elizabeth Page, of Boston, 5 July, 1843; merchant in Boston and New York; no children.

15. *William H. W.*, b. 9 October, 1816; d. in Amherst 22 December, 1818.

16. *William H. H.*, b. 28 December, 1817; m. Eliza R. Pray, of Boston, 22 July, 1847; d. 3 May, 1857; merchant in Boston; one child.

17. *Mary Ann*, b. 23 July, 1820; m. James F. Allen 9 May, 1849; res. in Worcester, Mass.; no children.

18. *Luther F.*, b. 29 December, 1823; m. Sarah H. Stearns, of Watertown, Mass.; merchant in Boston; d. at West Medford, Mass., 1 May, 1882; two children.

19. *Edmund P.*, b. 12 January, 1825; d. 5 September, 1826.

20. *Sarah E.*, b. 13 January, 1827; m. George Sumner 28 June, 1854. He is a merchant in Worcester; four children.

21. *Benjamin F.*, b. 30 April, 1829; unmarried; merchant in Boston.

22. *Edward P.*, b. 29 March, 1831; unmarried; enlisted as a private in the 51st Massachusetts Regiment in July, 1862; died of fever at Baltimore 19 July, 1863.

23. *Frances A.*, b. 10 February, 1837; d. at Worcester 13 October, 1881; unmarried.

I. JACOB RICHARDSON, b. in Billerica, Mass., 10 August, 1769; d. in Greenfield 9 November, 1839; m. Sarah Lewis, of Amherst 25 July, 1793. They settled in Amherst, afterward rem. to Greenfield. She was b. 4 February, 1776; d. 21 October, 1829. Their children were—

24. *Jacob*, b. 17 January, 1794. He is said to have been the first male child b. in Milford after its incorporation as a town.

- 25. *Sarah*, b. 25 February, 1797; d. 20 July, 1875; unmarried.
- 26. *Benjamin Lewis*, b. 13 February, 1799; d. 28 July, 1800.
- 27. *Lewis*, b. 3 August, 1801.
- 28. *Albert Louis*, b. 16 October, 1803.
- 29. *Julia Ann*, b. 21 July, 1806.
- 30. †*Charles*, b. 30 July, 1809; res. in Amherst.
- 31. *Cyrus*, b. 23 August, 1812.
- 32. *Mary Davis*, b. 21 April, 1817.
- 33. *Elizabeth*, b. 22 March, 1819.

II. 30. CHARLES RICHARDSON, Esq., son of Jacob and Sarah, b. in Greenfield 30 July, 1809; m. (1) Nancy Sprague, of Greenfield, in July, 1840; she d. in February, 1845; m. (2) Mrs. Clara Smith, of Greenfield, in December, 1845. She d. 16 July, 1863; m. (3) Mrs. Mary Few 5 July, 1864; resided in Greenfield until 1853, when he rem. to Amherst; manufacturer, merchant, insurance agent, register of deeds for Hillsborough county in 1853. Their children were—

34. *Edward A.*, b. 27 April, 1843; three years in Dartmouth College, but did not graduate; m. Hattie J. Nutt, of Amherst, 7 January, 1865; lives in San Francisco; is dividend clerk in the Bank of California.

35. *Nancy*, b. in March, 1847; d. in Amherst in September, 1857.

36. ZEBADIAH RICHARDSON, b. in Pelham 6 March, 1742–43; d. in Sanford, Me., in 1820; m. Rebecca Snow, of Nottingham West; she d. in Fryeburg, Me., in 1822, aged 82. They lived in Amherst two years. He served in the army of the Revolution; after the close of the war he was pastor of the Baptist church in Fryeburg several years. Of his nine children, the third—

37. *Zebadiah*, b. in Amherst 26 January, 1769; m. Phebe Charles, of Fryeburg, Me., about 1790; lived in Fryeburg, Chatham, N. H., Canada, Belmont and Hamilton counties, Ohio; finally, in Houston, Shelby county, where he d. 15 December, 1822. His widow d. 4 June, 1850, aged 78. Of their thirteen children, six sons and seven daughters, twelve lived to be married, and their posterity are to be found in Ohio, Iowa, Indiana, Arkansas and Missouri.

## RIDDLE.

1. ALBERT RIDDLE, son of Gawn and Dolly (French) Riddle, was b. in Bedford 5 June, 1808 ; d. there 7 August, 1859 ; m. Sarah Wheeler 26 November, 1835 ; she was b. in Merrimack 28 October, 1812. They settled in Amherst about 1841, on the place now occupied by Mr. Charles H. Burnham, where they remained about fifteen years, when they returned to Bedford. He served on the board of selectmen in 1845 and 1846. Their children were—

2. *Almira Jane*, b. 16 July, 1837 ; m. Frederick F. French 9 May, 1856 ; res. in Bedford.

3. †*Charles Albert*, b. 8 January, 1839 ; m. Dolly B. Gardner.

4. *James French*, b. 3 February, 1841 ; m. Henrietta Hunt 17 January, 1873.

5. *Sarah Amanda*, b. 26 May, 1843 ; m. George W. Osgood 11 November, 1869 ; res. in Amherst.

6. *Asenath Holbrook*, b. 7 October, 1845 ; unmarried.

7. *Laura Anna*, b. 5 May, 1851 ; m. George Heywood 31 May, 1878 ; res. in Gardner, Mass.

8. *Mary Frances*, b. 8 September, 1856 ; m. Charles E. Clement 8 October, 1875.

3. CHARLES ALBERT RIDDLE, b. 8 January, 1839 ; m. Dolly B. Gardner 21 January, 1867 ; she was b. in Bedford 19 September, 1846. They now reside on the "Mack" farm. He was a soldier in the recent civil war. Their children (all b. in Amherst) are—

9. *Nellie Elizabeth*, b. 16 February, 1868.

10. *Alice Gertrude*, b. 8 December, 1869.

11. *Sidney Albert*, b. 2 April, 1873.

12. *Gena*, b. 5 September, 1876.

13. *George W.*, b. 2 August, 1881.

*Mary Riddle*, d. in October, 1815, aged 86.

## RIDGWAY.

JAMES RIDGWAY, once a watchmaker and jeweler in Amherst, d. in Nashua 17 October, 1840, aged 50.

## ROBERTSON.

PETER ROBERTSON, a native of England, came to this country in the British army, from which he deserted and settled in Amherst prior to the Revolution. After the battle of Lexington he repaired to Cambridge, and enlisted in a company commanded by Capt. Archelaus Towne. On the 17th of June following, while crossing the "Neck," on his way to Bunker Hill, a cannon ball carried away a portion of his right hand. This mishap unfitted him for carrying on the business of a baker, to which he had been bred, and the general court of the state, in consideration of his misfortune, granted him a pension of twenty shillings a month from the first day of January, 1776.

In 1777 he engaged as a post-rider between Amherst and Boston, but the business seems not to have been a paying one.

Afterward he went in Capt. Crosby's company to the assistance of Gen. Sullivan, on Rhode Island, in 1779.

He m. Jane Carlton, of Boxford, Mass., 24 May, 1781, and d. in Amherst 31 July, 1807, aged 62 years.

## ROBY.

JAMES ROBY, b. at Tyngsborough, Mass., 6 July, 1752; d. of the spotted fever in Amherst 20 April, 1813; m. Lucy Cutter 17 December, 1784. She was b. in Cambridge, Mass., 19 June, 1765; d. in Sanbornton 25 November, 1743. After his decease she m. (2) Nathan Fisk, of Dunstable, Mass., 18 November, 1818, whom, also, she survived. They settled at first in Nottingham West, where their two oldest children were b. About 1789 they rem. to Amherst. During his residence in this town Mr. Roby was widely known as a deputy sheriff and auctioneer. Their children were—

1. *Cynthia*, b. 12 September, 1785; m. (1) Thomas Dixey, of Marblehead, Mass., 25 March, 1804; m. (2) Moses Clark, of Sanbornton, in October, 1824. She d. in Sanbornton 8 May, 1872.



2. *Lucy*, b. 29 August, 1787; m. John Eaton, of Boston, 5 May, 1808; d. at Arlington, Mass., 24 November, 1868.

3. *James*, b. in Amherst 7 December, 1790; m. Emma Pedrick in April, 1812; d. in April, 1819.

4. *Laura*, b. 4 July, 1794; m. Zenas Wheeler 17 October, 1813; d. in Bow 6 October, 1820.

5. † *William*, b. 12 November, 1796.

6. *Luther*, b. 8 January, 1801; d. 22 February, 1883; m. (1) *Nancy* (Shepard) Curtis 6 February, 1823. She d. 10 September, 1827, aged 34; m. (2) *Mary Ann Kimball* 5 June, 1828. She d. in January, 1875. He settled in Concord in 1822. His children were—

1. *Mary Frances*; married; res. in Colorado.

2. *Charles Greenleaf*; d. 13 September, 1827, aged 14 months.

3. *Charles Frederic*.

4. *Luther*; d. in October, 1867.

5. *Lucy Maria*; m. *Moses H. Bradley*; res. in Concord.

6. *William Kimball*; res. in Manchester.

7. *Caroline Beaman*, b. 11 April, 1838; d. 11 April, 1840.

8. *Benjamin Franklin*; d. in May, 1871.

9. *Caroline Beaman*; married *C. M. Murdock*; res. in Concord.

10. *Edward Marion*.

7. *Nancy*, b. 30 May, 1806; m. (1) *Ralph Fisk* 19 February, 1826; m. (2) *Stillman Swallow*; res. in Nashua.

5. *WILLIAM ROBY*, b. 12 November, 1796; d. in Concord 30 June, 1879; m. *Sally*, daughter of *Jonathan Hildreth*, 17 April, 1817. She was b. 6 March, 1796, and res. in Concord. They settled at first on the homestead now owned by *William A. Mack*, whence, in 1831, they rem. to Goffstown, and afterward to Hooksett and Concord. Their children were—

8. *Mary Hildreth*, b. 19 February, 1818; d. at Hooksett 16 April, 1836.

9. *Charles F. E.*, b. 2 July, 1819; m. (1) *Harriet S. Coffin*, of Concord, 17 December, 1842; m. (2) *Mary Ann Coffin*; is a printer in Rand and Avery's office, Boston, Mass.; res. in East Boston.

10. *Laura*, b. 2 November, 1820; unmarried; res. in Concord.

11. *William, jr.*, b. 28 June, 1822; m. *Clarissa J. Kendrick*; res. in Chelsea, Mass.

12. *Anna*, b. 20 January, 1824; m. *Rev. D. A. Mack* 9 October, 1850. She is matron and manager of the Orphans' Home, in Franklin.

13. *James*, b. 6 February, 1826; unmarried; res. in Concord.  
14. *Lucy*, b. 30 January, 1829; m. Henry C. Davis 21 August, 1848; res. in Concord.  
15. *Jonathan Hildreth*, b. in Goffstown 1 April, 1832; d. in Hooksett 7 April, 1836.  
16. *Luther*, b. 22 August, 1834; d. 4 April, 1836.  
17. *Harrison A.*, b. in Hooksett 21 September, 1836; m. *Sophronia B. Sargent* 16 April, 1861; res. in Concord.  
18. *George B.*, b. in Concord 8 April, 1839; m. *Mary O. Sargent* 27 December, 1856; res. in Plymouth.

19. JOHN ROBY, b. in Merrimack in 1743; m. *Esther Blodgett*, of Chelmsford, Mass., in 1771; d. in Mont Vernon 8 June, 1826. They settled in Amherst soon after their marriage on the place afterward occupied by their son, John Roby, jr. Their children were—

20. *Lydia*; unmarried; d. at North Chelmsford, Mass.  
21. †*John, jr.*, b. 7 September, 1776; m. *Hannah Haseltine*.  
22. *Hannah*, b. 7 September, 1779; m. *Joseph Gilbert* 29 August, 1799; d. at Francestown 14 August, 1858.

21. JOHN ROBY, JR., b. in Amherst 7 September, 1776; d. in Mont Vernon 1 June, 1856; m. *Hannah Haseltine*. She d. 30 October, 1860, aged 85. They settled on the farm formerly occupied by his father. Their children were—

23. *Levi*, b. 28 January, 1801; m. *Louisa Trow*, of Nashua; d. in Nashua 16 April, 1855.  
24. *Reuben*, b. 5 January, 1803; d. 5 May, 1805.  
25. *Hiram*, b. 27 July, 1804; m. *Rebecca Cummings*; d. in Nashua, 7 June, 1868.  
26. *Clinton*, b. 6 May, 1808; m. (1) *Lois Harwood*; m. (2) *Sarah Jenkins*; d. in Mont Vernon 25 October, 1870.  
27. *Hannah*, b. 30 November, 1809; m. *Asa McMillen*; d. in New Boston 21 December, 1861.  
28. *Luther*, b. 21 July, 1813; d. 18 August, 1825.  
29. *Ira*, b. 20 October, 1815; m. *Hannah Wilkins*, of Merrimack, 27 April, 1847; res. in Amherst; no children.

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*Hannah Roby* d. 20 December, 1838, aged 20.

## ROLLINS.

1. JAMES ROLLINS, for several years a resident in Amherst, rem. to Dublin in 1775. He d. there 12 January, 1818, aged 87; m. (1) Abigail Dowing. She d. 7 May, 1790, aged 58. He m. (2) Mary Whitney 11 October, 1791. She d. 3 April, 1799. He m. (3) Hannah Ross, of Jaffrey. She d. 10 August, 1803. He m. (4) Martha Muzzey 17 November, 1803. She d. 16 December, 1813. He m. (5) Rebecca Phelps, of Roxbury. Their children were—

2. *Mary*, b. 30 May, 1758; m. John Adams 25 January, 1774.

3. *James*, b. 22 August, 1760; m. Hepsibah Greenwood 4 November, 1779.

4. *John*, b. 21 May, 1762; m. Elizabeth Johnson 16 August, 1787.

5. *Joseph*, b. 8 August, 1764; m. Abigail Greenwood 6 October, 1785; d. 20 December, 1836.

6. *Abigail*, b. 6 March, 1765.

7. *Hannah*, b. 30 December, 1767; m. Daniel Gleason 28 December 1786.

8. *Samuel*, b. 30 July, 1769; m. Lucy Winch; rem. to Canada.

9. *Lydia*, b. 28 April, 1771; m. Nathan Winch 4 November, 1790.

10. *William*, b. 24 February, 1772; m. Lydia Stone; settled in Vermont.

11. *Fanny*, b. 27 April, 1775; m. Noah Norcross; settled in Vermont.

## ROTCH.

WILLIAM ROTCH, of Provincetown, Mass., was the first of that name in New England, coming from Salisbury, England, with his family in 1710. His wife's name was *Hannah*, and he had two sons, *Joseph* and *Benjamin*. He was b. in 1670, and his home was in Provincetown from 1728 to 1743. He was a literary man of some prominence, and took the lead in town matters, heading numerous petitions to the General Court in 1741 and 1743.

*Joseph Rotch* (b. 1734, d. 1784), son of William, lived at Scituate, Braintree and Falmouth before he finally located in Nantucket. He

was born in England in 1704, and after a roving boyhood, settled at Nantucket in 1720, working first at his trade as a shoemaker. He was thrifty, and saved money, and soon was able to buy a schooner and load her for Spain. He became well-to-do, and in 1733 married Love Macy, by whom he had three sons :

(1) *William Rotch* (b. 1734, d. 1828), who became an eminent merchant in New Bedford, from whom descended Hon. B. S. Rotch and Hon. Wm. J. Rotch, both of Boston ;

(2) *Joseph Rotch* (b. 1743), a merchant of Boston (patron of Phyllis Wheatley), and who died in England in 1767 ; and

(3) *Francis Rotch* (b. 1750, d. 1822), owner of the ships "Beaver" and "Dartmouth," from which the tea was thrown overboard in Boston harbor, in December, 1773. Francis married his second cousin, Nancy Rotch (b. 1772, d. 1864), but neither he nor his brother Joseph left any children.

BENJAMIN ROTCH, son of William, of Provincetown, was also born in England. He married Martha, and remained with or near his father's, his children having birth in that town, as follows : *William*, b. Oct. 23, 1729 ; *Prince*, b. Nov., 1731 ; *JOSEPH*, b. Nov. 30, 1733 ; *Benjamin*, b. Nov. 4, 1735. The family scattered about 1745. The oldest son, *William*, lived at Rochester, and finally settled at Martha's Vineyard. *JOSEPH* became a sea captain, and sailed out of New Bedford in the ships of his cousin William, the eminent merchant. His home was burned by the British in 1778. He was father of *Nancy*, who married Francis Rotch, owner of the tea ships.

SAMUEL ROTCH (b. 1764, d. 1811), was son of Capt. Joseph Rotch. He left home early in life, and followed the sea for some years. He settled in Boston, working first as a rope maker, and afterward engaged in trade. In 1794 he married Susannah Johnson (b. 1770, d. 1853), by whom he had seven sons and two daughters. Of the sons, *William* (b. 1800, d. 1849) married Sylvia Leach, and was a merchant in Boston ; *MATTHEW GRIFFIN* (b. 1806, d. 1878) married Tamesin Hale Fuller (b. 1804, dau. of Nathan Fuller, of Amherst, N. H.), and was long a respected citizen of Mont Vernon, N. H. ; *Albert Atwood* (b. 1810) married (1) Rhoda Keith and (2) Sarah Spare. He was for many years justice of the peace at Easton, Mass. Three sons, *Samuel*, *Thomas*, and *Joseph*, died at sea, and another in infancy. *Elizabeth* (b. 1802, d. 1835) married James Averill ; and *Mary Anne* (b. 1810) married George W. Allan, of Boston.

MATTHEW G. and TAMESIN H. ROTCH had two children : (1) *Maria Adelaide* (b. Jan. 25, 1837, d. Jan., 1877) was a woman of good intellectual endowment, and fine education. She taught successfully several

terms of school in various sections of Vermont and Massachusetts, until her health failed; and

(2) ALBERT ATWOOD ROTCH (b. at Mont Vernon, May 5, 1840), for the last twenty-five years a resident of Amherst, N. H. Married Helen Reade Boylston, eldest daughter of Edward D. Boylston, with whom he has been associated in the newspaper (*Farmers' Cabinet*) and printing business for a quarter of a century, and during the last ten years has carried on a stock brokerage business, beside doing a general justice business, settling estates, managing trust funds, etc. He is a member of the Board of Trustees of the Guaranty Savings Bank of the New Hampshire Banking Company, at Nashua. He has been honored with numerous town offices; acted for several years as clerk of the town, and represented the town in the General Court in 1881-82. He has but one child:

WILLIAM BOYLSTON ROTCH (b. June 6, 1859), son of Albert Atwood and Helen Reade (Boylston) Rotch, engaged with his father and grandfather in the newspaper and job printing business. Was collector for the town of Amherst for 1881, when but twenty-two years of age. Married, October 17, 1882, Grace Marston Burrell, eldest daughter of Joseph Warren and Susan Caroline (Hunt) Burrell (Mrs. Stephen W. Nash), of Weymouth, Mass.

#### RUNNELS.

1. WARREN RUNNELS, b. in Haverhill, Mass., 10 February, 1804; m. Mrs. Ann Wells, of Utica, N. Y., 1 June, 1830; settled in Amherst; rem. to Fall River, Mass., about 1835. Children—

2. *Hiram*, b. 21 July, 1831; m. (1) Catherine Garrett, in London, England, 5 June, 1859; she d. in 1862; m. (2) Hannah ———, in Boston, Mass., 4 May, 1864; res. in Fall River, Mass.

3. *Hazen*, b. 18 June, 1834; d. 10 September, 1843.

4. *Harriett Ann*, b. 18 November, 1838.

5. *Amelia Elizabeth*, b. 17 September, 1840.

6. *Warren Hazen*, b. 21 December, 1843.

#### RUSSELL.

1. DAVID RUSSELL, b. in Middleton, Mass., 4 April, 1797; m. Lydia McIntire 21 April, 1818. She was b. in Reading, Mass., 21 June, 1797; d. in Amherst 20 December, 1868. They rem. to Amherst in 1820. He d. 7 January, 1882. Their children were—

2. *Elias Smith*, b. in Middleton, Mass., 21 November, 1819; m. (1) *Caroline S. Goss* 21 September, 1842. She d. 27 August, 1845.

3. *Charles Augustus*, b. in Amherst 30 January, 1823; m. *Mary Prince* 7 November, 1844; d. 17 February, 1848.

4. *William Allen*, b. 10 February, 1825; d. 18 October, 1826.

5. *James Freeman*, b. 12 September, 1827; d. 19 October, 1827.

6. *William Walter*, b. 4 September, 1828; d. 11 October, 1831.

7. *Frederick Chamberlain*, b. 5 August, 1830; d. 13 February, 1831.

8. *Edward Walton*, b. 20 January, 1832.

9. *Mary Elizabeth*, b. 3 September, 1834; d. 28 June, 1877; unm.

10. *William Frederick*, b. 22 October, 1838; m. *Mattie W. Tarleton*, of Nashua, 27 June, 1868.

11. **JOSIAH RUSSELL, JR.**, b. in Mason 1 September, 1799; m. *Ruby Wyman* 8 October, 1826. She was b. in Woburn, Mass., 13 March, 1803. They lived in Derry, Mont Vernon, Amherst, and other places. Children—

12. *Maria Louisa*, b. in Derry 23 September, 1827.

13. *Atmira Josephine*, b. in Derry 28 September, 1830.

14. *Edwin*, b. in Mont Vernon 13 June, 1833.

15. *Albert Gallatin*, b. 3 April, 1835.

16. **FRANKLIN E. RUSSELL**; m. *Persis Beasom* 26 June, 1845. Their daughter—

17. *Helen Adelaide*, was b. 5 June, 1846.

18. **JAMES RUSSELL** carried on the harness-making business several years on the Plain. He was b. in 1807; d. suddenly 27 December, 1872. By his wife, *Mary Ann* (b. in 1807), he had three children—

19. *George W.*, b. in 1837.

21. *Adelaide*, b. in 1843.

20. *Warren*, b. in 1840.

#### SANDERSON.

1. **HENRY SANDERSON**, b. in Beverly, Mass., 19 February, 1810; m. *Mary Frances Hubbard* 18 March, 1841. She was b. in Amherst 26 October, 1816. Their children are—

2. *Sarah Frances*, b. 26 May, 1843; m. *Charles Lovejoy* 1 July, 1865; res. in Milford.

3. *Eliza Ann Hubbard*, b. 17 May, 1845; m. *Albert F. Boutell* 19 March, 1866; res. in Amherst.

4. *Henry Hubbard*, b. 31 January, 1850; m. *Helen Brown* in 1881; res. in Milford.

5. *Leander Calvin*, b. 19 March, 1852; unmarried.

### SARGENT.

1. *EBENEZER SARGENT* d. 10 November, 1838, aged 83.  
His children were—

2. *Ebenezer*, b. 28 March, 1784.

3. *Mary Tucker*, b. 2 October, 1785.

4. *John*, b. 8 August, 1787.

5. *Ruth*, b. 29 April, 1789.

6. *Lydia*, b. 2 May, 1791.

7. *David M.*, b. 21 October, 1793.

8. †*Jacob*, b. 12 February, 1796.

9. *William*: d. young.

10. *Willis*, the discoverer of "Milford Springs;" d. 9 August, 1818, aged 18.

11. *Amos*: d. young.

8. *JACOB SARGENT*, b. 15 April, 1796; d. 3 May, 1873; m. *Asenath Blunt* 31 October, 1822. She was b. 13 January, 1798; d. 20 March, 1877. Their children were—

12. *Jacob E.*, b. 21 July, 1825.

13. *Frances Eliza*, b. 8 July, 1829; m. *John Peabody* 22 March, 1859.

14. †*Daniel W.*, b. 9 May, 1832.

14. *DANIEL W. SARGENT*, b. 9 May, 1832; m. *Lucy M. Ober* 23 October, 1855. He is one of the deacons of the Congregational church in Amherst. Their children are—

15. *Clara M.*, b. 8 November, 1857; d. 18 February, 1858.

16. *Willie D.*, b. 23 August, 1861.

17. *Charles H.*, b. 24 June, 1866.

### SATCHWELL.

*Mrs. Martha Satchwell*, a native of Bristol, England, came to Amherst in 1859; d. here 17 October, 1876, aged 54.

## SAWTELLE.

1. ELI SAWTELLE, b. in Brookline 1 October, 1800; m. (1) Lydia Hall 10 May, 1835. She was b. in Milford 6 August, 1807; d. in Amherst 25 June, 1861; m. (2) Mrs. Hannah Cutler, of Nashua, 2 July, 1862; she d. 30 October, 1874, aged 71; m. (3) Mrs. Mary Wheeler 8 June, 1875. His children (all by first wife) were—

2. †*Edward Payson*, b. 8 March, 1836.

3. *William Waterman*, b. 13 April, 1838; a member of the 2d Regiment N. H. Vols.; d. in the army at Bladensburg, Md., 26 October, 1861.

4. *Lyman Beecher*, b. 21 March, 1840; d. of disease contracted in the army, at Amherst, 4 September, 1863.

5. *Eli Augustus*, b. 27 July, 1844; m. Virginia E. Rockwell, of New Haven, Conn., 21 October, 1869.

6. *Henry Gardner*, b. 24 October, 1847; d. 3 September, 1849.

2. EDWARD PAYSON SAWTELLE, b. 8 March, 1836; d. 20 July, 1880; m. Lucy A. Reed 15 October, 1859. She was b. 31 July, 1838. One child—

7. *Bertha I.*, b. 24 February, 1863.

## SAWYER.

The children of NATHANIEL and PRUDENCE SAWYER were—

*Fanny*, b. 6 July, 1779.

*Hannah*, b. 6 December, 1780.

## SCULLEY.

JOHN SCULLEY d. 1 October, 1873, aged 70.

## SEATON.

THE SEATON FAMILY was one of the leading families in Scotland. Mary Queen of Scots found shelter in the house of Lord Seaton, at Niddy, in East Lothian, after her escape from Loch Leven castle, in May, 1568. On the overthrow of the Stuarts in Great Britain the Seatons, who had adhered



to their cause, were banished, and their estates confiscated. Some of them found shelter in Ireland, whence they came to America, some as early as 1729, others ten years later. They settled in Boxford, Mass. Prior to 1744 John Seaton, afterward a deacon in the church, settled in Souhegan West. His uncle and father-in-law, Andrew Seaton, settled here about the same time, and his brothers, Samuel and James, a short time afterward. Their names are all found on the tax-list of the new town of Amherst, in 1760.

1. **DEA. JOHN SEATON** rem. to Souhegan West from Boxford, Mass., prior to 1744; rem. to Washington in 1787, and d. there in April, 1793. He m. his cousin, Ismenia Seaton. Their children were—

2. *Elizabeth*, b. 8 November, 1744; m. (1) Richard Goodman; m. (2) Henry Hanley 2 June, 1780; d. 8 November, 1819.

3. *Jane*, b. 6 October, 1746; m. Samuel Stanley; d. 5 December, 1812.

4. *Andrew*, b. 22 August, 1748; d. 10 January, 1748-9.

5. *Mary*, b. 14 January, 1750.

6. *Margaret*, b. 22 April, 1752; m. †Timothy Hartshorn.

7. *Martha*, b. 27 February, 1754; m. Jesse Stevens 13 April, 1786.

8. †*John*, b. 8 April, 1756.

9. *Anna*, b. 5 July, 1760; m. John Duncan, of Antrim; d. in Antrim 4 October, 1834.

10. *Andrew*, b. 4 November, 1762.

8. **DEA. JOHN SEATON, JR.**, b. 8 April, 1756; d. 3 October, 1836; m. Rebecca, daughter of Nathan Kendall, Esq., 28 April, 1787. She was b. 9 September, 1763; d. at Greenupsburg, Ky., 20 August, 1839. They lived in the east part of the town on the farm adjoining that occupied by Mr. John H. Hildreth. Children—

11. *John*; read law with Aaron F. Sawyer, and taught school; d. 5 August, 1813, aged 21.

12. *Nathan Kendall*; m. Nancy Richardson, of Mont Vernon, 25 September, 1817; was a merchant; was for several years employed in the custom-house in Boston, Mass.; d. at Greenupsburg, Ky., 11 March, 1859. No children.

13. *Samuel*; a lawyer at Greenupsburg; m. Hannah Eddy, of Meigs county, Ohio, 22 August, 1822. She was b. 9 January, 1799; d. 14 April, 1878.

14. †*Ambrose*; m. Mary R. Goss.

14. AMBROSE SEATON m. Mary R. Goss, of Amherst, 15 November, 1828; practiced medicine in Amherst, Boston, and Maysville, Ky. He d. at Maysville 9 April, 1866, aged 61. Their children were—

*Mary Elizabeth*, b. 3 November, 1829.

*Nathan K.*; d. in Boston 12 October, 1835, aged 9 months.

SAMUEL SEATON, brother of Dea. John, and Ruth Smith were m. at Andover, Mass., 14 December, 1756. They settled in Amherst. Their daughter—

*Sarah*, b. 23 September, 1761; m. Henry Kimball.

JAMES SEATON, brother of (1) Dea. John, m. Elizabeth Robinson, at Andover, Mass., 5 May, 1748. They settled in Amherst. No record found of any children.

#### SECOMB—SECCOMB.

I. 1. RICHARD SECOMB, b. in Cornwall, England, in 1645, with his wife, Joanna, and five children arrived at Boston, Mass., in the ship "Unity," George Penny, master, from England, in October, 1680. They settled at first in Falmouth, Me., near Casco Bay, but soon rem. to Lynn, Mass., where he d. in 1694. Their children were—

2. *Joanna*.

5. †*Peter*, b. in 1678.

3. *Mary*.

6. †*Richard*.

4. †*John*.

7. *Noah*.

II. 4. JOHN SECOMB was a mariner, and commanded a merchant vessel for a number of years. He m. Mehitable Simmons, of Boston, 26 November, 1702. Their children were—

8. *John*, b. 19 November, 1703; d. in infancy.

9. *Joseph*, b. 14 June, 1706; graduated at Harvard College in 1731; was ordained as a missionary to the Indians 12 December, 1733, and

installed as minister of Kingston 28 November, 1787; d. in Kingston 15 September, 1760. He m. Mary Thuriel 17 January, 1788; no children.

10. *Mehitable*, b. 21 February, 1708.

11. †*Simmons*, b. 17 May, 1711.

12. *Mary*, b. in November, 1715.

II. 5. PETER SECOMB, b. in 1678, was a merchant in Medford, Mass., and d. there 8 September, 1756. He m. Hannah Willis, a grand-daughter of John Eliot, the "apostle to the Indians," 25 February, 1703. She was b. 1 January, 1678; d. in Harvard, Mass., 15 December, 1760. Their children were—

13. *Willis*, b. 30 April, 1704; d. 15 April, 1725.

14. *John*, b. 30 July, 1706; d. 27 May, 1707.

15. *John*, b. 25 April, 1708; d. in Chester, Nova Scotia, in January, 1793. He graduated at Harvard College in 1728; was ordained and installed as minister of Harvard, Mass., 10 October, 1733; was dismissed 7 September, 1757; rem. to Lunenburg, Nova Scotia, shortly after; m. Mary Williams, of Weston, Mass., 10 March, 1737. The authorship of "Father Abbey's Will" is attributed to him, and several sermons, delivered by him after his removal to Nova Scotia, were published.

16. *Charles*, b. 15 January, 1710; d. 28 September, 1730.

17. *Thomas*, b. 16 August, 1711; m. Rebecca Willis. He was town-clerk of Medford, Mass., twenty-two years, and a noted antiquarian. He d. 15 April, 1773. His widow d. 13 March, 1781, aged 77.

II. 6. RICHARD SECOMB settled in Medford; m. Anna ———. Their children were—

18. *Jonathan*, b. 17 September, 1710.

19. *Anna*, b. 17 September, 1712.

20. *Dorothy*, b. 24 January, 1715; m. Henry Fowle 6 March, 1738.

III. 11. SIMMONS SECCOMB, b. in Boston 17 May, 1711; m. Elizabeth, daughter of Robert Rand, of Charlestown, Mass., 11 January, 1732. She was baptized in the old North church in Boston 20 June, 1714. They settled in Boston, whence they rem. to Derryfield, now Manchester, about 1736, where he d. in 1740. Their children were—

21. *Elizabeth*; d. 12 July, 1794.

22. †*John*, b. 6 June, 1733.

23. *Joseph*, b. in Derryfield 7 December, 1736; m. *Ruth Brooks*, of Medford, Mass.; resided in Danvers, Mass., and Salem, Mass.; d. in November, 1810; eleven children.

24. *Mehitable*, b. 16 November, 1733; d. 18 August, 1764.

25. *Simmons*, b. 1 December, 1740; d. 10 June, 1810; m. *Mary Tappan*, of Kingston, 10 October, 1770. They settled in Kingston on the place formerly occupied by his uncle, Rev. *Joseph Secomb*. He was a justice of the peace, town-clerk, and postmaster, in Kingston many years, and was universally respected and esteemed.

IV. 22. *JOHN SECCOMB*, b. in Boston 6 June, 1733; rem. with his parents in infancy to Derryfield, thence, in 1762, to Amherst, when he settled on the place now occupied by his great-grandson, *Henry W. Secomb*. He m. (1) *Mary Small* 13 November, 1777. She d. 6 April, 1781. He m. (2) *Mrs. Elizabeth (Carter) Wheeler*, of Hollis, 14 June, 1784. She was b. 12 March, 1754; d. 27 August, 1807. He d. 14 January, 1796. Their children were—

26. †*John*, b. 31 August, 1778.

27. †*Daniel*, b. 6 April, 1781.

28. *Elizabeth*, b. 24 April, 1785; m. *William E. Treadwell*, of Peterborough, 23 January, 1810; d. in Peterborough 1 April, 1863; two children.

29. †*David*, b. 1 March, 1787.

30. *Mary*, b. 4 December, 1789; d. 20 July, 1793.

31. *Sally*, b. 2 December, 1791; d. 29 July, 1793.

32. *Mary*, b. 20 June, 1794; d. in Peterborough 20 November, 1872; unmarried.

V. 26. *JOHN SECOMBE*, b. 31 August, 1778; through his whole life a resident in Amherst; d. 20 July, 1856; m. *Rachel Durant* 26 April, 1798. She was b. in Nottingham West, now Hudson, 19 September, 1778, and d. 17 September, 1839. Their children were—

33. *Rachel*, b. 6 February, 1799; d. 27 December, 1874; unmarried.

34. *Betsey*, b. 22 August, 1800; d. 18 February, 1825; unmarried.

35. †*Levi Jones*, b. 4 February, 1804.

36. *John*, b. 16 May, 1809; d. 9 February, 1813.

37. †*Daniel Franklin*, b. 17 January, 1820.

V. 27. DANIEL SECOMBE, b. 6 April, 1781 ; d. 12 January, 1846 ; settled in Mont Vernon, adjoining Amherst ; m. (1) Betsey Durant 23 July, 1805. She d. 12 October, 1826, aged 42. He m. (2) Elizabeth Austin 28 September, 1828. His children were—

38. *Mahala Jones*, b. 27 July, 1806 ; m. †George C. Coburn.

39. *Nancy Durant*, b. 27 September, 1812 ; d. in Concord 30 January, 1857 ; unmarried.

40. *Mary*, b. 11 March, 1814 ; m. †Charles Austin.

41. *Jane*, b. 27 October, 1821 ; d. in Concord 22 November, 1846.

42. *Daniel Andrew Jackson*, b. 16 September, 1829 ; m. Emily A. Glover, of Franklin, Vt., 17 October, 1861. He d. in Mont Vernon 16 August, 1880 ; one child—George.

43. *John*, b. 21 August, 1833 ; d. 18 August, 1835.

44. *Charles*, b. 16 January, 1836 ; res. in Lowell, Mass. ; unmarried.

45. *Harriet Newell*, b. 9 November, 1838 ; m. †John H. Coggin.

46. *John*, b. 20 February, 1840 ; d. in September, 1844.

V. 29. DAVID SECOMBE, b. 1 March, 1787 ; d. in Milford 22 December, 1844 ; m. (1) Asenath Odell 1 March, 1813. She was b. 20 May, 1790 ; d. 30 May, 1814. He m. (2) Lydia Adams 18 December, 1823. She d. in Amherst 3 April, 1859, aged 70. For the last twenty years of his life he resided in Milford where he held many important offices. His children were—

47. *Asenath Ann*, b. and d. 7 April, 1814.

48. *Frances Charlotte*, b. 6 January, 1825 ; d. in Amherst 30 April, 1848 ; unmarried.

49. *David Adams*, b. 25 May, 1827. He is a lawyer in Minneapolis, Minn. ; m. Charlotte A. Eastman, of Conway, 27 February, 1855. Their children are—

1. *Carrie E.*, b. 17 May, 1857.

2. *David Willis*, b. 5 July, 1860.

3. *Frank*, b. 7 September, 1875.

50. *Charles Carroll*, b. 25 January, 1830 ; res. in Minneapolis, Minn. ; m. (1) Annabell Frances Crosby, of Milford, 14 September, 1871 ; one child—

*Annabell*, b. 25 August, 1873.

51. *William Wirt*, b. 14 October, 1832 ; d. in New York city 8 September, 1877 ; unmarried.

VI. 35. LEVI JONES SECOMB, b. 4 February, 1804; d. 31 October, 1882; m. Nancy Herrick 7 April, 1831. She was b. 19 November, 1810. Their children were—

52. *Helen Elizabeth*, b. 13 July, 1833; m. Jesse O. Robinson, of Mont Vernon, 20 April, 1858; d. 27 June, 1861. Their children were—

1. George Alfred Robinson, b. 21 March, 1859; m. Anna E. Proctor, of Marlborough, 6 February, 1883; res. in Marlborough.

2. Helen Elizabeth Robinson, b. 11 May, 1861.

53. *Henry Webster*, b. 26 March, 1836; m. Lucy Jane Channell 24 December, 1864. She was b. 24 July, 1838; d. 22 January, 1866; no children.

VI. 37. DANIEL FRANKLIN SECOMB, b. 17 January, 1820; m. (1) Fanny C. Herrick 11 December, 1850. She d. 7 September, 1859; m. (2) Eliza A. (Damrell) Gordon 28 February, 1860. She was b. 15 August, 1830. Their children were—

54. *Alfred Herrick*, b. 6 February, 1856; d. 13 August, 1856.

55. *Francis Lawrence*, b. 9 January, 1861; d. 19 July, 1864.

56. *George Franklin*, b. 25 October, 1865; d. 15 January, 1868.

57. *Mary Grace*, b. 26 August, 1869.

*Amelia Willis Gordon*, step-daughter of D. F. Secomb; b. 6 September, 1854; m. Samuel Howe Babcock, of Boston, Mass., 10 January, 1883; res. in Boston.

#### SHANNON.

ANDREW SHANNON, and his wife Phebe, lived many years in Pond Parish. Their children were—

1. *Mary*, b. 10 September, 1764.

2. *William*, b. 3 June, 1767.

3. *Phebe*, b. 12 February, 1770; m. John Piper 12 April, 1801.

4. *Andrew*, b. 23 July, 1774.

#### SHATTUCK.

NATHANIEL SHATTUCK, b. in Temple 27 February, 1774; d. in Concord 1 September, 1764; m. (1) Mary Wallace 15 June, 1806. She was b. in Temple 5 April, 1790; d. 3 June, 1812; m. (2) Sally Stanley. She was b. in Amherst

**25 July, 1789 ; d. in Manchester 7 February, 1865. Their children were—**

1. *Anne Jane*, b. in Milford 12 May, 1809 ; m. B. F. Wallace, of Antrim, 13 August, 1829 ; d. in Bedford 16 August, 1847.

2. *Mary Wallace*, b. 28 March, 1817 ; d. 6 March, 1819.

3. † *Algernon Parker*, b. 15 February, 1819 ; m. Catherine Sweet, of Newark, N. J., 17 July, 1851.

4. *Catherine Kendall*, b. 15 December, 1823 ; m. Rev. Aaron W. Chaffin 20 April, 1848.

5. *George Freeman*, b. 9 October, 1825 ; d. 10 December, 1827.

6. *Henry Campbell*, b. 9 August, 1827 ; d. 6 April, 1828.

7. *George Henry*, b. 9 December, 1830.

8. **ABIAL SHATTUCK**, who res. in Amherst some years was b. in Hillsborough 10 June, 1795 ; d. in Townsend, Mass., in April, 1859 ; m. Susan B. King, of Merrimack, 6 April, 1814. Their children were—

9. *Nancy Jane*, b. 26 May, 1815 ; m. James Hildreth, of Townsend, Mass., 26 August, 1840.

10. *Charles Russell*, b. 1 March, 1817 ; m. Rebecca Eagles, of Roxbury, Mass., in 1840.

11. † *Francis Mansfield*, b. 17 February, 1819 ; m. Elmira Blanchard, of Greenfield, 15 October, 1840 ; d. in Antrim 16 January, 1876.

12. *Sarah Ismenia*, b. 3 February, 1821 ; d. 10 October, 1823.

13. *Abial Edwin*, b. 5 February, 1823 ; m. Susan Williams.

14. *Sarah Marinda*, b. 25 January, 1825 ; m. James L. Simonds 21 December, 1842.

15. *Stephen Moss*, b. 25 June, 1827 ; m. Sophia Savryson in June, 1850 ; d. 12 September, 1851.

16. *Harriet Mahala*, b. 15 April, 1829 ; d. 15 May, 1849.

17. *Supply Dean*, b. 8 November, 1831.

18. *Mary Caroline*, b. 5 August, 1833.

19. *Elizabeth*, b. 5 November, 1835 ; d. 25 November, 1837.

11. **FRANCIS M. SHATTUCK**, b. in Merrimack 17 February, 1819 ; m. Elmira Blanchard, of Greenfield, 15 October, 1840 ; d. in Antrim 16 January, 1876. He spent some years of the early part of his life in the employ of Dr. M. Spalding ; was an iron-molder by trade, and an active, efficient, reliable man. Their children were—

20. *Mary E.*, b. in Amherst 11 July, 1841; m. Alvin R. Baker 1 June, 1859.

21. *Laura*, b. in Lyndeborough 31 October, 1845; m. Levi M. Curtis 19 March, 1864.

22. *Martha J.*, b. in Greenfield 20 February, 1849; m. Horace B. Tuttle 27 October, 1870.

23. *Alma F.*, b. in Nashua 19 May, 1855; m. Frank O. Clement 22 April, 1876; res. in Manchester.

### SHAW.

GEORGE H. SHAW, son of William and Asenath Shaw, of Milford, b. 20 March, 1807; settled in Amherst about 1835; m. Lydia Stiles in April, 1838. She was b. in Mont Vernon 10 May, 1804; no children.

### SHEPARD.

1. COL. JOHN SHEPARD came to Souhegan West from Concord, Mass., about 1741, and built the mills on Souhegan river, long known as Shepard's mills. He settled on the tract of land granted him by the proprietors of the township, and was a prominent and useful citizen of the town. He was one of the four citizens of the town who refused to sign the "Association Test Paper," in March, 1776. He m. (1) Miss Hartwell; m. (2) Sarah French, who d. 31 October, 1802, aged 80. He d. 29 November, 1785, aged 79. Their children were—

2. †*John*, b. in 1732.

3. *Lydia*; m. ——— Howe; d. 14 June, 1791.

4. *Abigail*, b. 6 April, 1738; m. ——— Stevenson; d. in Lyndeborough 23 August, 1822.

5. †*Benjamin*, b. 18 March, 1744.

6. †*Samuel*.

7. *Mary*, b. 21 September, 1749; m. †Jacob Hildreth.

8. *Sarah*, b. 17 October, 1757; m. (1) †Stephen Kendrick; m. (2) Dea. John Hartshorn.

9. *Jo'ham*, b. 22 June, 1761.

10. *Rachel*, b. 5 April, 1762; m. Samuel Dodge, jr., 4 July, 1781; d. 23 July, 1785.

11. *Daniel*, b. 25 September, 1764; m. Fanny Wentworth 25 May, 1793.



2. COL. JOHN SHEPARD, JR., was for many years one of the selectmen of the town and town-clerk, an officer in the militia, and a justice of the Inferior Court of Common Pleas. He m. Mercy Wilkins, of Middleton, Mass., 21 October, 1757. He d. 4 December, 1802, aged 71. She d. at Mason 11 August, 1825, aged 93 years. Their children were—

12. *Elizabeth*, b. 16 April, 1759.

13. *Mary*, b. 5 October, 1760; m. James Gilman; d. in Milford 8 October, 1841.

14. *Jonathan*, b. 31 October, 1762; d. 13 January, 1820.

15. *Sarah*, b. 28 November, 1767; m. William Crosby, of Amherst; d. in Milford in December, 1845. Her death was occasioned by injuries received from her clothes taking fire.

16. *Lydia*, b. 12 June, 1770; m. Daniel Staniford 24 May, 1795. She d. in Boston, Mass., 1 June, 1796.

5. BENJAMIN SHEPARD, b. 18 March, 1744; d. 26 March, 1810; m. Lucy Lund. She d. 6 November, 1822. They settled in the south part of the town on what was known as the "Honey Pot" farm. Their children were—

17. †*James*, b. 14 June, 1777.

18. *William*, b. 29 July, 1780; m. Miss Lund; settled in Vermont.

19. †*John*, b. 22 September, 1783; m. Lucy B. Nichols; settled in Bedford.

20. †*Benjamin*, b. 24 March, 1786.

17. CAPT. JAMES SHEPARD, b. 14 June, 1777; d. 16 October, 1834; m. Olive Glover 6 November, 1803. She d. 6 February, 1837, aged 53. They settled on the farm previously occupied by his father. Their children were—

21. *James Hervey*, b. 8 December, 1804; married; d. 22 February, 1829; no children.

22. †*Robert Glover*, b. 14 May, 1808.

23. *Lucy*, b. 18 July, 1812; d. young.

24. *Fanny*, b. 10 October, 1813; m. David Hutchinson in August, 1835.

25. *Lydia*, b. 10 April, 1817; m. David Hutchinson in August, 1837.

26. *Benjamin Hartwell*, b. 18 January, 1822; m. Lucia A. Page.

- 27. *Olive Emeline*, b. 1 October, 1823; d. young.
- 28. *Elizabeth*, b. 17 March, 1825; m. Gardner F. Robbins.
- 29. *William*, b. 27 April, 1827; d. 11 July, 1854.

22. ROBERT GLOVER SHEPARD, b. 14 May, 1808; m. (1) Eunice P. Shepard; m. (2) Olive Bidwell; m. (3) Hannah Kingsbury Kaime 13 April, 1875. He settled at first on the Shepard homestead, thence rem. to Shaker Village; now res. in Manchester. Their children were—

30. *Charlotte Maria*, b. 8 December, 1830; m. Cyrus D. Curtis, of Boston, Mass.

31. †*Robert Tolman Scott*, b. 2 March, 1832.

32. *Frances Lavina*, b. 11 February, 1834; d. 20 April, 1855.

33. *Lucy Elitia*, b. 18 January, 1836.

34. *Mary Morse*, b. 16 September, 1837; d. 6 April, 1848.

35. *James Andrew*, b. 25 March, 1839; m. Sarah Johnson, of Bridgton, Me.

36. *Hannah Parker*, b. 11 February, 1841.

37. *Charles Fitch*, b. 11 December, 1842.

38. *Olive Lamira*, b. 16 August, 1844.

39. *George Edward*, b. 8 March, 1846; m. Isabel Olney, of Pawtucket, R. I., 1 January, 1880.

31. ROBERT TOLMAN SCOTT SHEPARD, b. 2 March, 1832; m. (1) Irena B. Powers, of Pittsfield, Me., 11 May, 1853. She d. in April, 1866. He m. (2) Charlotte T. Kaime, of Lowell, Mass., 24 November, 1869; res. in Manchester. Their children were—

40. *Walter Scott*, b. 9 January, 1855.

41. *James Franklin*, b. 30 July, 1857.

42. *Augusta Maria*, b. 21 June, 1860; d. 26 June, 1863.

43. *Augusta Maria*, b. 30 January, 1865.

44. *Alfred Kaime Glover*, b. 28 September, 1870.

45. *Gertrude May*, b. 27 October, 1872.

19. JOHN SHEPARD, b. 22 September, 1783; d. at Bedford 11 May, 1870; m. Lucy B. Nichols, of Bedford, 4 June, 1811. She was b. 18 April, 1791; d. 31 March, 1874. They settled in the north part of Bedford. Their children were—

46. *Rebecca*, b. 20 September, 1812; d. 20 May, 1840; unmarried.  
 47. *Lucy M.*, b. 25 November, 1814; d. 5 October, 1865; unmarried.  
 48. *John W.*, b. 27 August, 1816; m. *Silvina Field* 16 October, 1837.  
 49. *Andrew N.*, b. 22 July, 1818; m. *Harriet W. Brown* 1 January, 1850; has resided in Winchester and Lowell, Mass., and Amherst.  
 50. *Stillman A.*, b. 18 January, 1821; m. *B. J. Nichols* 30 May, 1854; res. in Bedford.  
 51. *Clarissa D.*, b. 13 July, 1823; d. 19 August, 1840.  
 52. *Benjamin A.*, b. 19 August, 1827; d. 3 September, 1851.  
 53. *Mary Ann*, b. 16 February, 1830; res. in Winchester, Mass.; unmarried.  
 54. *Orleanna J.*, b. 12 July, 1833; d. 25 September, 1857; unmarried.

20. **BENJAMIN SHEPARD**, b. 24 March, 1786; d. 6 October, 1864; res. in Boston, Mass., from 1809 to 1813; returned to Amherst in 1813; m. *Rebecca D. Skelton*, of Burlington, Mass., in December, 1812. She was b. 23 September, 1787; d. 22 December, 1866. Their children were—

55. *Benjamin F.*, b. in Boston, Mass., 27 September, 1813; m. *Julia A. Phelps*, of Clinton, Mass.; d. in Napa City, Cal., 28 June, 1866; three children.  
 56. *Erastus P.*, } b. 1 Dec., 1817; d. in Concord, 1 December, 1875.  
 57. *Alonzo P.*, } d. 18 February, 1818.  
 58. *Alonzo P.*, b. 7 September, 1821; m. *Hattie A. (Swan) Tilton*, of Hudson, 29 April, 1866; res. in Amherst.  
 59. *Rebecca A.*, b. 23 August, 1823; unmarried; res. at Shaker Village.  
 60. *Martha A.*, b. 13 March, 1826; m. (1) *Nathaniel Drake* in November, 1849; m. (2) *Nathan Kemp*; res. in Wellfleet, Mass.; two children.  
 61. *Mary A.*, b. 13 March, 1826; m. *Zoheth Sparrow*; res. in Concord; two children.  
 62. *Isaac N.*, b. in 1833; d. in Burlington, Mass., in 1835.

6. **CAPT. SAMUEL SHEPARD**, settled in the south part of the town near his brother Benjamin, where he d. 12 January, 1835, aged 85; m. *Elizabeth* ———. She d. 16 January, 1838, aged 84. Their children were—

63. *Samuel*.  
 64. *John*: for many years engaged in the staging business. He afterward kept an hotel in Amherst and Manchester; d. in Manchester 24 September, 1855, aged 75.

65. †*Lummus*, b. 3 January, 1786; m. *Ednah Towne*.  
66. *Nehemiah*; res. in Amherst; d. 22 July, 1857, aged 70; unm.  
67. *Hartwell*.  
68. *Charles*.

65. LUMMUS SHEPARD, b. 3 January, 1786; m. *Ednah Towne* 11 March, 1812. She d. 24 November, 1856, aged 70. They settled in the south part of the town. He d. in consequence of injuries received from a falling tree 14 March, 1849. Their children were—

69. *Daniel*, b. 29 December, 1812; d. 22 February, 1865.  
70. †*Samuel L.*, b. 6 August, 1816.  
71. *Henry Hartwell*, b. 21 December, 1819; res. in Illinois.  
72. *Charles H.*, b. 19 January, 1823; d. 12 March, 1873.  
73. *Ezra Abbott*, b. 29 June, 1828; d. in February, 1831.

70. SAMUEL L. SHEPARD, b. 6 August, 1816; d. 2 February, 1853; m. *Mary Ann Ober* 22 February, 1838. She d. 13 April, 1847. Their children were—

74. *Mary Emily*, b. 5 April, 1840; m. *Daniel W. Trow*; res. in Amherst.  
75. *Hartwell Henry*, b. 4 October, 1842; d. 16 August, 1853.  
76. *Maria Edna*, b. 7 July, 1847; d. 17 August, 1854.

#### SHIRLEY.

DANIEL C. SHIRLEY, b. 24 March, 1835; d. in California; m. *Julia Ann Chickering* 23 April, 1860. She was b. 23 April, 1843. Their children were—

- Ella Maria*, b. 23 June, 1863.  
*Albert C.*, b. 17 September, 1866; d. 6 March, 1870.  
*Ida*, b. 19 March, 1871.

#### SIMONDS.

BENJAMIN SIMONDS; m. *Mary*, daughter of *John Averill*; settled in the North-west Parish, now *Mont Vernon*; rem. to *Antrim* in 1793, and d. there in 1826, aged 65. Their children were—

*Lucy*, b. 30 January, 1784; m. Enoch Sawyer in 1802; d. 7 June, 1853.

*Polly*, b. 21 May, 1787; m. Robert Burns 1 September, 1812; d. 3 October, 1857.

*John*, b. 3 May, 1790; m. Sally B. Preston 3 February, 1814; settled in Antrim; d. in 1858.

*Sally*, b. 8 March, 1792; m. William D. Atwood 7 May, 1812; rem. to Hartland, Vt.; d. in 1836.

*Benjamin*, b. in Antrim 5 June, 1796; m. Betsey Parsons, of Windsor; d. in Antrim 27 October, 1850.

*Nancy*, b. 24 February, 1798; m. Simeon Buck 29 December, 1818; d. in Windsor.

*Sabrina*, b. 25 February, 1803; m. Simeon Buck; d. in Windsor.

*Mark*, b. 24 May, 1807; d. 1 November, 1807.

*Widow Hannah Simonds* d. 20 June, 1852.

### SKINNER.

JOSHUA FLINT SKINNER, son of Samuel and Hannah (Flint) Skinner, b. Lynnfield, Mass., 29 July, 1806; d. 28 July, 1882; m. Mary Jane Peabody, of Mont Vernon, 19 April, 1830. She was b. 2 July, 1812. They settled in Amherst in April, 1839. Their children were—

*Joshua A.*, b. in Reading, Mass., 17 October, 1830; m. Carrie S. Winn, of Wilton, 8 October, 1850; two children; both d. in infancy.

*Edmund E.*, b. in Woburn, Mass., 30 November, 1832; m. Martha J. Kinson 1 January, 1856. He d. 29 December, 1864. Two children.

*Mary L.*, b. 8 May, 1835; d. 29 September, 1836.

*Julia A.*, b. 9 July, 1847; m. John A. Boynton 24 August, 1866; four children.

### SLOAN.

1. GEORGE N. SLOAN, b. in Wilmington, Mass., 14 May, 1817; m. Lucy A. Ball, of Milford, 10 October, 1835. She was b. in Milford 10 July, 1813; d. 8 February, 1879. They lived at first in Milford, but about 1854 rem. to Amherst. Their children were—

2. *Lydia A.*, b. 5 June, 1838; m. Edwin N. Cobb, of Woodstock, Vt., 4 July, 1854. She d. 4 September, 1854.

3. *George B.*, b. 21 May, 1843; was a member of Co. H, 10th Regiment N. H. Vols., and d. in Fairfax Seminary, Va., hospital, 26 November, 1862.

4. *Alice E.*, b. 29 August, 1846; m. Frank A. Ackerman, of New Rochelle, N. Y., 7 October, 1868.

5. *Abby F.*, b. 29 August, 1855; d. 11 October, 1856.

6. *Nellie I.*, b. 7 August, 1858; d. 20 September, 1859.

7. *Willie W.*, b. 21 April, 1862.

### SMALL.

I. WILLIAM SMALL and Rachel Needham were m. at Danvers, Mass., 21 February, 1712-13. They settled in Danvers, where he d. 18 November, 1748, aged 82 years. She d. 15 April, 1768, aged 91 years. Their son—

II. 1. WILLIAM SMALL, JR., b. in Danvers, in 1714; m. Sarah ———; they settled in Danvers, but about 1750 rem. to Souhegan West, where he d. 10 September, 1781. She d. 8 August, 1771, aged 60 years. Their children were—

2. *Joseph*; baptized in Danvers 4 July, 1736; married; rem. to Souhegan West; d. in Amherst 16 December, 1806; no children.

3. *Rachel*; baptized 7 May, 1738; m. †William Bradford; d. in Amherst 26 January, 1802.

4. *Sarah*; baptized 18 July, 1740; d. 21 March, 1776; unmarried.

5. †*William*, b. 21 October, 1743.

6. *Lydia*; baptized 31 October, 1745; m. †Reuben Holt 6 February, 1772.

7. *Hannah*; baptized 10 May, 1747; d. young.

8. *George*; baptized 25 June, 1749; d. 27 September, 1775; unm.

9. *Abigail*, b. in Souhegan West; m. Stephen Curtis; d. 10 January, 1782.

10. *Mary*, b. in 1753; m. †John Seccomb 13 November, 1777.

11. *Mehitable*, b. in 1755; d. 4 May, 1790; unmarried.

III. 5. WILLIAM SMALL, b. in Danvers, Mass., 21 October, 1743; d. in Morristown, Vt., 8 January, 1834; m. Patience Lovejoy 1 February, 1787. She was b. in Amherst 1 April, 1766; d. in Morristown 18 October, 1851. They settled on the farm recently occupied by John Leavitt, whence they rem. to Morristown in 1813. Their children were—

12. *William*, b. 7 September, 1787; d. 4 July, 1862; m. *Lydia Churchill*; settled in Morristown; four children.

13. *George*, b. 1 July, 1789; d. 27 May, 1875; m. *Orpah Wilkins* 11 February, 1819; settled in Morristown; ten children.

14. *Luther*, b. 2 May, 1791; d. in Morristown 14 September, 1851; unmarried.

15. *Patience Lovejoy*, b. 1 April, 1793; d. in Morristown 26 September, 1849; unmarried.

16. *Sarah*, b. 22 September, 1796; d. 16 February, 1874; m. *Amherst Palmer*; four children.

17. *Mary*, b. 10 June, 1799; d. 1 December, 1863; unmarried.

18. *Lucretia Carter*, b. 9 June, 1802; d. 22 September, 1805.

19. *Joseph*, b. 2 March, 1804; d. 16 September, 1805.

20. *A son*, b. and d. 7 October, 1806.

21. *Nancy Bradford*, b. 28 November, 1807; res. in Morristown; unmarried.

22. *Norman Chandler*, b. 28 November, 1807; d. 2 March, 1808.

23. *Laura Roby*, b. 14 April, 1810; m. *Nathan Herrick*; res. in Minnesota; four children.

24. **GILBERT SMALL**, b. in Goffstown 8 February, 1820; m. *Sabra P. Lock* 3 April, 1845. She was b. in Deering 18 August, 1820. They rem. from Weare to Amherst in April, 1849. He is a blacksmith and occupies the shop built and occupied by *George Kinson*. Their children are—

25. *Lelia J.*, b. 11 September, 1849; m. † *Charles W. Dodge* 11 March, 1878.

26. *George G.*, b. 13 July, 1854.

27. *Belle F.*, b. 11 October, 1860.

### SMITH.

1. **TIMOTHY SMITH** and *Mary Damon*, of Reading, Mass., were m. 9 April, 1751. They settled in Amherst about 1762. He d. 13 March, 1798, aged 68. She d. 30 April, 1798, aged 70. Their children were—

2. *Rebecca*, b. 14 August, 1759.

3. *Isaac*, b. 28 January, 1762.

4. † *Marcerick*, b. 2 August, 1764.

5. *Elias*, b. 13 May, 1770; d. 21 January, 1771.

6. *Timothy*.

7. *Mary*.

4. MAVERICK SMITH, b. 2 August, 1764; m. Rebecca Damon, of Reading, Mass., 19 June, 1788. They settled in Amherst. He d. 11 September, 1830. She d. in February, 1831, aged 64. Their children were—

8. *Rebecca*, b. 6 March, 1791.

9. *Nabby*, b. 21 December, 1793.

10. *Maverick*, b. in 1796; m. Hannah Boutell in February, 1830; d. 4 May, 1840.

11. *Mindwell*, b. in 1797.

12. *Sarah*.

13. *Catherine*.

14. COOLEY SMITH, of Ipswich Hamlet, Mass., m. Sarah, daughter of Thomas and Sarah Burnham, of Ipswich, Mass. They settled in Middleton, Mass. Their children were—

15. *Ezekiel*, b. 3 June, 1731; d. 19 November, 1737.

16. *Paltiah*, b. 2 August, 1733; d. in 1762; unmarried.

17. *Sarah*, b. 17 May, 1736; m. (1) *Ozemiah Wilkins*; m. (2) *Daniel Wilkins*, of Sutton.

18. *Aaron*, b. 24 April, 1738; m. (1) Mary Thomas; m. (2) Mrs. Bixby. They settled in Amherst, North-west Parish.

19. *Lucy*, b. 20 June, 1740; m. *Aquila Wilkins*, of New London.

20. *Eunice*, b. 26 June, 1742; m. *Abner Wilkins*; d. in Middleton, Mass.

21. *Jemima*, b. 22 April, 1744; m. *Enos Wilkins*, of Middleton, Mass.

22. *Jacob*, b. 16 March, 1746; m. Hannah Upson, of Middleton; rem. to Amherst, North-west Parish; d. in Mont Vernon in 1812; 4 sons—

1. *Daniel*.

3. *Jeremiah*.

2. *David*.

4. *Jacob*.

23. *David*, b. 5 December, 1748; m. — Sweetser; settled in South Reading, now Wakefield, Mass.; four sons—

1. *David*.

3. *Archibald*.

2. *Noah*.

4. *Adam*.

24. †*James*, b. 14 February, 1750; m. (1) Moriah Rolfe; m. (2) Sarah (Hildreth) Jones.

25. *Lydia*, b. 9 November, 1755; m. †*Aaron Wilkins*; settled in Amherst.

26. *Naomi*, b. 5 April, 1757; m. *Benjamin Wilkins*; settled in Lyndeborough.



24. JAMES SMITH, b. in Beverly, Mass., 14 February, 1750; d. in Mont Vernon 29 January, 1831; m. (1) Moriah Rolfe, of Middleton, Mass., in 1775. They settled in Middleton, where they remained until about 1778, when they rem. to Amherst, North-west Parish, where Mrs. Smith d. in December, 1802. He m. (2) Mrs. Sarah (Hildreth) Jones, who d. in November, 1830. Their children were—

27. †*Rogers*, b. in Middleton, 12 June, 1776.

28. *Rebecca*, b. in Amherst in 1778; m. Robert Christie; d. in New Boston 6 September, 1804; four children—

1. James.

3. Jesse.

2. Mary.

4. Rebecca.

29. †*Jesse*, b. 5 April, 1781; m. Nabby Kittredge.

30. †*James*, b. 8 February, 1784; m. Susannah White.

31. †*Luther*, b. 27 December, 1786; m. Mary Carleton.

32. *Mary*; d. in infancy.

33. *Leander*, b. 22 August, 1808; m. Sophronia Wilkins 29 November, 1833; was selectman and representative of Mont Vernon several years; rem. to Antrim in 1869, where he now res. Three of his sons lost their lives in the service of their country in the late civil war.

27. ROGERS SMITH, b. in Middleton, Mass., 12 June, 1776; studied medicine with Dr. Jones, of Lyndeborough; commenced practice in Amherst; rem. thence to Mont Vernon; afterward to Greenbush, N. Y., and Weston, Vt.; m. Sarah, daughter of Samuel and Sukey (Washer) Dodge, 15 January, 1802. She was b. 18 September, 1779; d. in Weston, in August, 1840. He d. in Weston 25 March, 1845. Their children were—

34. *Samuel*, b. in Amherst 7 July, 1802; d. 24 September, 1804.

35. *Asa Dodge*, b. in Amherst 21 September, 1804; d. in Hanover 16 August, 1877; m. Sarah A. Adams, of North Andover, Mass. She d. 24 September, 1882, aged 76. He graduated at Dartmouth College in 1830; was pastor of the 14th St. Presbyterian Church, in New York, 29 years, and President of Dartmouth College from 1863 to 1877.

36. *Sarah*, b. in Mont Vernon 2 August, 1806; m. (1) John Dale; m. (2) Elijah Munson, of Wallingford, Vt.; d. in August, 1851.

37. *Rebecca*, b. in Mont Vernon 12 November, 1808; m. Cephas Dale; res. in Iowa.

38. *Anah*, b. in Greenbush, N. Y. ; m. Rev. Dennis Chapin.

39. *Horace E.*, b. in Weston, Vt. ; is an eminent lawyer in Johnston, N. Y., and Dean of the Albany Law School.

29. **JESSE SMITH**, b. in Amherst 5 April, 1781; d. in Mont Vernon 14 April, 1862; m. Nabby, daughter of Dr. Zephaniah Kittredge, in 1804. She d. 7 May, 1866. Their children were—

40. *Jesse Kittredge*, b. 29 October, 1804 ; d. 24 December, 1851 ; a skillful surgeon and physician in Mont Vernon.

41. *Ambrose*, b. 10 September, 1808 ; res. in Goffstown.

42. *Norman*, b. 13 October, 1811 ; a surgeon and physician in Groton, Mass.

43. *Laura*, b. 24 November, 1814 ; res. in Mont Vernon ; unm.

44. *James*, b. 23 September, 1817 ; d. 7 September, 1818.

30. **JAMES SMITH**, b. 8 February, 1784 ; d. in Mont Vernon 26 September, 1809 ; m. Susannah White, of Lyndeborough, 1 January, 1805. Their children were—

45. *James G.*, b. 22 December, 1805 ; a Methodist clergyman ; res. in Plymouth.

46. *Luther*, b. 6 October, 1807 ; d. in Manchester in March, 1862.

47. *Moriah Rolfe*, b. 11 January, 1810 ; d. in infancy.

31. **LUTHER SMITH**, b. 27 December, 1786 ; a physician at Hillsborough Bridge, where he d. 5 August, 1824. He m. Mary, daughter of Dea. John Carleton. She was b. 19 January, 1790 ; d. 20 March, 1872. Their children were—

48. *Mary E.*, b. 7 May, 1818 ; d. 10 June, 1853.

49. *Charles James*, b. 3 September, 1820 ; now res. in Mont Vernon, where he has served as superintending school committee many years ; represented the town in the general court, and served as senator for District No. 8 two years. He has also compiled and published a valuable historical sketch of the town of Hillsborough.

50. **JONATHAN SMITH**, b. in Danvers, Mass., 21 February, 1735 ; d. in Amherst 1 April, 1795 ; m. Abigail ———. She was b. 27 November, 1733 ; d. 19 March, 1801. They settled in Amherst about 1760, where he was an inn-keeper several years. Their children were—

51. †*Jonathan*, b. in 1762.

52. *Walter*, b. in 1766.

53. †*Jedidiah Kilburn*, b. 7 November, 1770.

54. *Elizabeth*, b. in 1772; d. in January, 1773.

51. JONATHAN SMITH, JR., b. in 1762; d. in Bedford, Penn., in May, 1813; m. *Amelia*, daughter of Hon. Samuel Dana, 8 December, 1787; succeeded Gen. Moses Nichols as register of deeds for Hillsborough county in 1790, and held the office until he left Amherst in October, 1802. His wife remained in Amherst until about 1824, when she removed to New York city, where she d. in 1826. Their children were—

55. *Amelia*, b. 17 March, 1790; m. Solomon Parker 7 November, 1808.

56. *Lucy Giddings*, b. 23 October, 1794; m. Hon. Samuel Bell 4 July, 1826; d. in Chester 8 May, 1880.

57. *Harriet*; m. Horatio Perry in March, 1826.

58. *George*; studied medicine; settled in Middleton, Mass.; d. in Amherst 2 August, 1822, aged 23 years.

59. *Anna Dana*: m. Rev. Stephen I. Bradstreet, of Cleveland, O., 5 August, 1824.

53. JEDIDIAH KILBURN SMITH, b. in Amherst 7 November, 1770; d. 17 December, 1828; was an active Republican politician during the war of 1812–15; representative in Congress, councillor, postmaster, and a judge of the county court; m. *Anna Henchman* 30 September, 1802. She d. 4 July, 1810, aged 27. Their children were—

60. *Jedidiah Kilburn, jr.*; d. 9 May, 1827, aged 22.

61. *Anna Henchman*: m. Tyler Tupper in April, 1834; d. in Mont Vernon.

62. PETER ELKINS SMITH carried on the blacksmithing business several years in the shop on Amherst Plain, since occupied by Joel F. Osgood. He m. *Betsy Runnels* 31 August, 1817. She was b. in Haverhill, Mass., 12 March, 1798; d. in Milford 7 October, 1875. They left Amherst about 1839. Their children were—

63. *Sophia Runnels*, b. 16 October, 1818; m. Rev. Mr. Chamberlin; res. in Iowa.

64. *Caroline Elizabeth*, b. 15 September, 1820; m. Rev. Mr. Jewell; res. in Illinois.

65. *Charles Otis*, b. 3 May, 1823; d. in Taunton, Mass., 4 February, 1872.

66. *Jane Underhill*, b. 4 June, 1826; m. Mr. Sargent.

67. *Mury Lucy*, b. 28 November, 1832; m. Mr. Patterson; res. in Dorchester.

68. *Herbert Augustus*, b. 17 October, 1835; m. Emma I. West 7 September, 1863; d. in Bradford, Mass., 20 January, 1876.

69. LANGDON SMITH, m. Sarah Ann, daughter of Joseph Crosby, 11 August, 1835; settled on the Crosby homestead. Their children were—

70. *Sarah Maria*, b. 22 May, 1836; m. Cyrus Patch 15 February, 1859; d. in Quincy, Mass., 18 January, 1883.

71. *Gardner Hoyt*, b. 16 January, 1842; m. Mary Frances Nichols 24 March, 1869.

The births of the following children of (72) JOHN SMITH are recorded on the town book of records:

73. *John*, b. 8 December, 1751. 77. *Benjamin*, b. 23 Nov. 1758.

74. *Mary*, b. 6 November, 1753. 78. *David*, b. 14 July, 1760.

75. *Sarah*, b. 30 July, 1755. 79. *Bridget*, b. 9 May, 1762.

76. *Anna*, b. 25 June, 1756. 80. *Luther*, b. 30 December, 1764.

Children of (81) DANIEL and RUHAMAH SMITH, as recorded on the town book—

82. *Samuel*, b. 22 Sept. 1783. 84. *Mary*, b. 22 August, 1789.

83. *Nancy*, 4 March, 1787. 85. *Susannah*, b. 10 July, 1794.

DANIEL SMITH was a Revolutionary soldier. After the close of the war he married and settled in Amherst; thence, after some years, he removed, with his family, to Vermont.

#### SNOW.

EDMUND and PEGGY SNOW were residents in Amherst some years. He d. in Cambridgeport, Mass., 17 March,

1843, aged 82 years. Two of their children d. in Amherst—

*Charles* : d. 19 February, 1813, aged 22.

*Leander W.* : d. 20 April, 1818, aged 23.

### SPALDING.

I. EDWARD SPALDING, the first American ancestor of this family came to America probably between 1630 and 1633. He seems to have settled at Braintree, Mass., where his wife, Margaret, d. in 1640, and his daughter, Grace, in 1641. He m. (2) Rachel ———. He was made a Freeman 13 May, 1640. In October, 1645, he, with thirty-one others, received a grant of a tract of land "not exceeding ten thousand acres" from the General Court which seems never to have been located. In 1652 and 1653 he was engaged with others in procuring a grant of the town of Chelmsford, Mass., which was surveyed and laid out probably in 1653, and incorporated in May, 1655. He settled in Chelmsford about 1654, and d. there 26 February, 1670, leaving five children. Of these—

II. JOHN SPALDING, b. about 1633, went, with his father, to Chelmsford; m. Hannah Hale at Concord, Mass., 1<sup>st</sup> May, 1658. She d. 14 August, 1689. He d. at Chelmsford 3 October, 1721, leaving eight children. He is said to have been a soldier in King Philip's war. Of his children—

III. JOSEPH SPALDING, b. 22 October, 1673; m. Elizabeth, daughter of John Colburn, of Chelmsford, 10 April, 1700. He d. at Chelmsford 12 March, 1728, leaving four children.

IV. COL. SIMEON SPALDING, son of Joseph and Elizabeth (Colburn) Spalding, was b. 4 August, 1713; m. (1) Sarah Fletcher, about 1736, by whom he had five children. She d. 14 November, 1746; he m. (2) Mrs. Abigail (Johnson) Wilson, of Woburn. They had nine children. She was b.



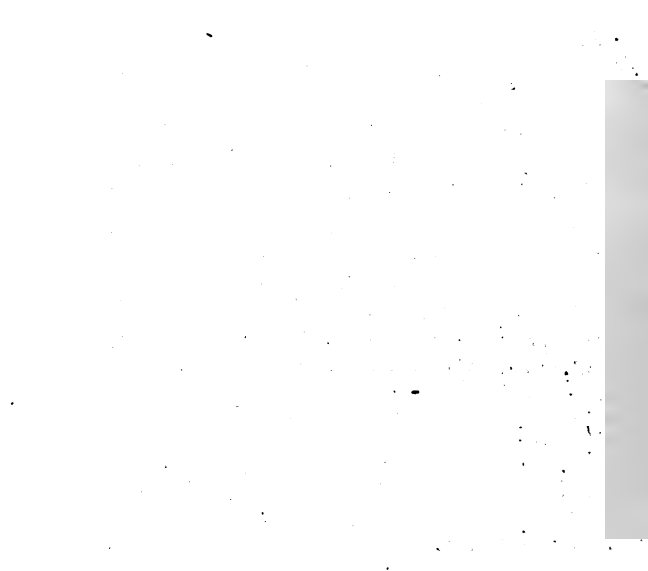
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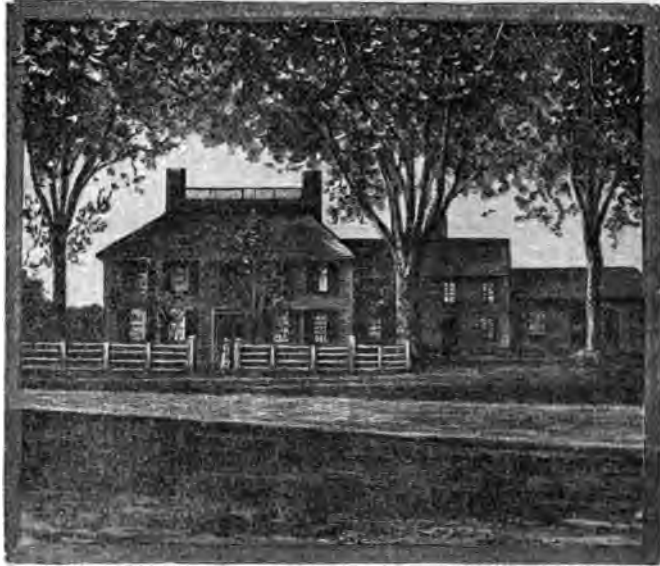


*Matthias Spalding*





15 July, 1723; d. 20 June, 1812. He d. in Chelmsford 7 April, 1785. Col. Spalding was an active patriot in the Revolutionary contest, and filled many important and responsible offices in his town.



RESIDENCE OF THE LATE DR. MATTHIAS SPALDING, NOW THE  
RESIDENCE OF REV. JOSIAH G. DAVIS.

A portion of the main house was built by Samuel Stewart prior to 1776. It was purchased by Hon. Samuel Dana in 1782, and enlarged, after which it was occupied by him and his family until about 1812. It was then purchased by Dr. Spalding and occupied by him until his death, in May, 1865, since which time it has been owned and occupied by Rev. Mr. Davis.

V. 1. DR. MATTHIAS SPALDING, son of Col. Simeon and Abigail (Wilson) Spalding, was b. in Chelmsford 25 June, 1769; d. in Amherst 22 May, 1865; m. Rebecca Wentworth, daughter of Hon. Joshua Atherton, 16 September, 1806. She was b. 7 August, 1778; d. 27 December, 1862. He settled in Amherst in 1806. Their children were—

2. *Frances Rebecca*, b. 10 July, 1807; d. 5 January, 1808.
3. *Abigail Atherton*, b. 3 December, 1809; m. †Rev. Josiah G. Davis.
4. *Frances Rebecca*, b. 27 August, 1811; d. 8 September, 1815.
5. *Edward*, b. 15 September, 1813; m. Dorothy Everett Barrett, of New Ipswich, 23 June, 1842; res. in Nashua. Three children—
  1. Mary Appleton, b. 20 March, 1848.
  2. Edward Atherton, b. 13 October, 1852; d. 10 November, 1863.
  3. Dora Narcissa, b. 25 July, 1857.
6. *Alfred*, b. 24 October, 1815; m. Rebecca, daughter of Samuel Seaton, Esq., of Greenupsburg, Ky., 14 May, 1846; d. at Greenupsburg 20 December, 1878. Five children—
  1. George Atherton, b. 14 January, 1849; m. Rebecca A. Davis 4 September, 1878.
  2. Hannah Eddy, b. 2 November, 1853; d. 28 July, 1854.
  3. Alfred Matthias, b. 13 April, 1854.
  4. Helen Hockaday, b. 31 October, 1860.
  5. Rebecca Wentworth, b. 15 September, 1863.
7. *George*, b. 24 November, 1817; killed at sea by a fall from a mast 21 March, 1837.
8. *James*, b. 11 December, 1820; d. 21 October, 1826.
9. *Rebecca Frances*, b. 9 November, 1822; d. 20 October, 1826.
10. ISAAC SPALDING, b. in New Ipswich 1 February, 1796; d. in Nashua 14 May, 1876; m. Lucy Kendall, of Amherst, 1 May, 1828. She was b. 13 December, 1796. Their children were—
  11. *Edward Francis*, b. 6 May, 1831; d. 30 August, 1837.
  12. *Isaac Henry*, b. 13 March, 1840; d. 30 August, 1844.

## STACKPOLE.

*Andrew Stackpole*, formerly of Bath, Me., d. in Amherst 15 February, 1877.

## STANLEY.

1. SAMUEL STANLEY m. Jane Seaton. They resided on the farm now occupied by Francis W. Holbrook. He d. of spotted fever 19 April, 1814, aged 61. She d. 5 December, 1812, aged 66. Their children were—

2. †*Andrew*, b. 3 February, 1775.
3. *Peggy*, b. 19 September, 1776; m. *Joshua Wyman* 25 December, 1796.
4. †*David*.
5. *Sally*, b. 25 July, 1789; m. †*Nathaniel Shattuck*, Esq.

2. **ANDREW STANLEY**, b. 3 February, 1775; d. in Ridgway, Orleans county, New York, in May, 1857; m. *Fanny Prince* 23 April, 1807. She d. 18 October, 1878, aged 97. One child born in Amherst—

6. *Samuel*, b. 27 January, 1816.

4. **DAVID and MARY STANLEY**. A record of the births of the following children of David and Mary Stanley is found on the town book—

7. *David*,
  8. *Jonathan*,
- } b. 13 December, 1811.

#### STEARNS.

1. **DANIEL and 2 JOHN STEARNS**, brothers, and their cousin, 3 **ZACHARIAH**, settled in Amherst at an early date.

1. **DANIEL STEARNS** m. (1) *Betsey Arbuckle*, of Merrimack; m. (2) ——— *Dutton*; left one child.

The children of (2) **JOHN STEARNS** were—

4. *John*; m. *Sally Blanchard* 9 October, 1781; settled in Vermont.
5. *Eleazer*; settled in Amherst; d. 9 March, 1846, aged 80; unm.
6. *Jotham*; settled in Goffstown; one of his daughters m. *Hon. Mace Moulton*, of Manchester; another, *Deacon Cyrus Eastman*, of Amherst.
7. †*Reuben*.
8. *Elijah*; married; was drowned in Merrimack river near Goffe's Falls.
9. †*James*, b. 30 August, 1774.
10. *Rachel*; m. *John Dutton* 1 May, 1781; d. 17 January, 1829, aged 74 years.
11. *Rebecca*; m. *Roger Dutton* 6 July, 1780.
12. *Sally*; m. ——— *Anderson*, of Merrimack.
13. *Betsey*; m. *Zaccheus Stearns* 13 December, 1791.

7. REUBEN STEARNS m. Miriam Whiting 28 March, 1799. He d. in November, 1842, aged 73. She d. in Bedford 9 September, 1851, aged 76. Their children were—

14. *Sophia*; m. †Timothy Jones, of Amherst.
15. *Almira*; m. Bradley Blanchard, of Dunstable, in October, 1826; d. 28 February, 1827, aged 20.
16. *Lovey*; d. in Lowell 4 May, 1832, aged 20.
17. *Lucy*; m. †Isaac Harradon 3 October, 1820.

9. JAMES STEARNS, b. 30 August, 1774; d. 14 January, 1854; m. Lydia Glover, of Nottingham West. She was b. 29 July, 1780; d. 2 May, 1863. Their children were—

18. *Abigail*; m. Reuben Hardy, of Hollis.
19. *Harriet A.*; m. Minot Blood 14 March, 1844; d. in South Merrimack 1 February, 1883, aged 81 years and 10 months.
20. †*Hiram D.*; m. Mary Putnam.
21. *Solomon Granville*; m. (1) Mary Collins; m. (2) Susan Harradon; m. (3) ——— Ritterbush; m. (4) ——— ———. He d. in North Hyde Park, Vt., 12 December, 1882, aged 78 years and 4 months.
22. *James*; m. ——— Patch; settled in Vermont.
23. *Betsey*; m. William Pitcher; d. in Attleborough, Mass.
24. *Adeline*; m. Charles Gregg 13 November, 1831; res. in New York.
25. *Caroline R.*, b. 13 August, 1812; m. Alexander McC. Wilkins 2 December, 1834; res. in Merrimack.
26. *Mary*; m. James Langdell; res. in Lowell, Mass.
27. *Frances*; m. Henry W. Brown, of Providence, R. I., in September, 1838; d. in Amherst.
28. *Charles*; married; res. in New York.
29. *Jane*; m. William King; res. in New Jersey.

20. HIRAM D. STEARNS, b. 27 November, 1802; m. Mary Putnam in November, 1825. She was b. 6 October, 1799; d. 30 March, 1879. Their children were—

30. *Granville A.*, b. 16 September, 1826; d. 30 August, 1853.
31. *Rebecca Ann*, b. 2 January, 1829; d. 7 March, 1831.
32. *James*, b. 22 January, 1832; m. Mrs. Sarah R. Eaton 16 October, 1873; res. in Amherst.
33. *William D.*, b. 25 August, 1834; m. (1) Fanny E. Marvell 24 November, 1859. She d. 1 March, 1863. He m. (2) Julia ———. She d. 28 March, 1876, aged 35.

34. *Mary F.*, b. in August, 1837; d. 20 July, 1859.

35. *Eliza J.*, b. 23 September, 1842; res. in Amherst; unmarried.

3. ZACHARIAH STEARNS, cousin of John and Daniel, m. Betty, daughter of John. Their only child—

36. *Leonard*, d. unmarried.

37. SAMUEL STEARNS m. Hepsibah Bryant, of Middleton, Mass., 21 October, 1757. He was in Amherst in 1776, but all of his family had left prior to 1804.

Child of (38) BENJAMIN and MEHITABLE STEARNS—

39. *Benjamin*, b. 2 May, 1786.

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*Miss Eunice W. Stearns* d. 21 November, 1877, aged 85 years and 2 months.

*Widow Stearns* d. in January, 1814, aged 80.

*Mrs. Stearns*, wife of Solomon G. Stearns, d. in August, 1834.

## STEEL, OR STEELE.

JOSEPH STEEL, a wheelwright, settled in Souhegan West before the incorporation of Amherst. He d. 23 February, 1788. His will was presented for probate 24 March of that year. In it he names his wife, Sally, and children.

*John*, b. 29 August, 1735. He relinquished all further claim upon his father's estate upon the receipt of eighteen Spanish milled dollars 29 August, 1756.

*Joseph*, b. in 1738.

*Susannah*, b. in 1741.

*Rachel*; m. John McMillen, of New Boston.

*Jane*; m. Annanias McAllister.

*Sarah*; m. Elias Hassell.

*Samuel*, b. 19 February, 1751.

*Hannah*, b. in July, 1753.

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*Anna*, daughter of Joseph and Elizabeth Steele, was b. 18 December, 1768.

## STEVENS.

DANIEL and HANNAH STEVENS, probably from Andover, Mass., were among the early settlers in Souhegan West. He d. 30 May, 1806, aged 77; she d. 23 May, 1815, aged 83. Among their children were—

1. †*Daniel, jr.*, b. 8 April, 1751.      3. †*Enoch*, b. 5 June, 1774.
2. †*Solomon*, b. in 1772.

1. DANIEL STEVENS, JR., son of Daniel and Hannah Stevens, b. 8 April, 1751; d. 2 March, 1825; m. Susannah Abbott in 1771. She was b. 20 December, 1753; d. in May, 1830. Their children were—

4. *Susannah*, b. 1 March, 1772.
5. *Persis*, b. 1 December, 1773; m. — Farnum; d. 20 July, 1853.
6. *Betsey*, b. 17 December, 1776; d. 11 April, 1854.
7. *Charles*, b. 9 January, 1780; m. Mary H. Blunt 7 July, 1803; d. in July, 1810.
8. *Hannah*, b. 5 September, 1781; m. — — —; d. in March, 1832.
9. *John Abbott*, b. 29 March, 1783; d. 14 April, 1836.
10. *Lucretia*, b. 19 August, 1785; d. in February, 1831.
11. *Frances*, b. 21 November, 1789; m. Isaac Morse, of Winchendon, Mass., 20 February, 1821; d. 9 June, 1865.
12. *Nancy*, b. 16 April, 1792; m. Daniel M. Day; d. in Buffalo, N. Y., 6 June, 1854.
13. †*Daniel Farnum*, b. 3 October, 1794.
14. *Clarissa*, b. 11 August, 1796; m. Hazen Mills, of Milford, 15 July, 1834; d. in March, 1872.

13. DANIEL FARNUM STEVENS, b. 3 October, 1794; was for many years a merchant on Amherst Plain; d. 21 January, 1852; m. Mrs. Sophronia (Holt) Winchester 17 May, 1832. Their children were—

15. *George Francis*, b. 28 November, 1838; m. Mary Elizabeth Fletcher 6 June, 1866; res. in Ashburnham, Mass.
16. *Henry*, b. 17 February, 1843; d. 12 July, 1843.

*Alma E. Winchester*, daughter of William and Sophronia (Holt) Winchester, step-daughter of Daniel F. Stevens, b. in Milford 5 August, 1825; d. in Amherst 13 May, 1866.

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2. SOLOMON STEVENS m. Martha Hall 30 May, 1797; he d. 24 May, 1815. She d. in January, 1818, aged 47. Their children were—

17. *Almira Symmes*, b. 28 November, 1797.
18. *Benjamin Whiting*, b. 18 March, 1800.
19. *Grace Hall*, b. 18 December, 1801.
20. *Solomon Haskell*, b. 1 April, 1804.
21. *Enoch Jackson*, b. 7 March, 1806.
22. *Martha Jane*, b. 24 August, 1808.
23. *Sarah Ann Prescott*, b. 4 August, 1810.
24. *Mary Augusta*, b. 17 August, 1812.
25. *William R. Wentworth*, b. 23 December, 1814.

3. ENOCH STEVENS, b. 5 June, 1774; m. Sarah Warner, daughter of Col. Daniel Warner. She was b. 2 September, 1777; d. 10 August, 1816. Their children were—

26. *Alma*: m. William Patterson, of Merrimack.
27. *Eliza B.*; m. Ephraim Goss, jr., of Amherst, 8 November, 1814.

*William Stevens*; d. 13 August, 1873, aged 49.

*Emeline F.*, wife of Alpheus Stevens, d. 25 July, 1858, aged 28.

*Sadie*, daughter of Alpheus Stevens, d. 10 October, 1872, aged 4 months.

*Mrs. Stevens*, wife of Alpheus Stevens, d. 12 September, 1875, aged 31 years, 1 month.

*Benjamin M. Stevens* (blacksmith) d. 27 February, 1847, aged 34.

#### STEWART, OR STUART.

1. ROBERT STEWART, b. in Glasgow, Scotland; emigrated to America, and settled first in Andover, Mass., thence he rem. to Souhegan West as early as 1749. He had two sons, (2) John and (3) Samuel, both of whom settled in Souhegan West.

3. SAMUEL STEWART settled on Amherst Plain where Rev. J. G. Davis now resides. He d. 27 May, 1776, aged 60 years. Sarah, his widow, d. in September, 1809, aged 91. Their children were—

4. *Mary*, b. 2 September, 1749; m. Ezekiel Holt.

5. *Elizabeth*, b. 3 May, 1753; m. Lieut. Robert B. Wilkins 31 October, 1782; d. 7 July, 1784.

6. *Samuel*, b. 20 February, 1753; m. *Lydia Ellenwood* 17 November, 1778.

7. †*David*, b. 20 December, 1757.

7. DAVID STEWART, b. 20 December, 1757; d. 14 November, 1821. He served fourteen years on the board of selectmen, and was treasurer of Hillsborough county from 1803 until his death. He m. *Susannah Lovejoy* 18 February, 1795. She was b. 11 June, 1769; d. 24 August, 1846. Their children were—

8. *Sarah Tarbell*, b. 12 September, 1797; m. *Jonathan Haskell* 15 November, 1826; d. 29 December, 1843.

9. †*David*, b. 4 May, 1799.

10. *Anstress*, b. 29 June, 1831; m. (1) *Rev. Jeremiah Stowe* 13 July, 1826; m. (2) *Henry Pierce*; d. at Canandaigua, N. Y., 3 January, 1874.

11. *Mary Blanchard*, b. 20 February, 1803; m. *Dr. Josiah Kittredge*; d. at Pembroke 23 October, 1825.

12. *Charles Lovejoy*, b. 1 January, 1805; d. at White Plains, N. Y., 1 April, 1838. He was a merchant in Amherst and New York city; after his removal to New York he accumulated a large estate. He was an enterprising, public-spirited citizen; m. *Amanda Louisa Ponsford* 10 November, 1847; she d. in New York City in December, 1876. Their children were—

1. *Charles L.*; d. 9 April, 1862, aged 14.

2. *Henry Pierce*; res. at White Plains, N. Y.

3. *Josephine*.

4. *Frank Haskell*; m. *Mary L. Wilson* in October, 1876.

5. *Lousia A.*

13. *Frederick*, b. 4 October, 1808; d. at Phillipsville, Alleghany Co., N. Y., 11 March, 1853; two children—

1. *Mary*.

2. *William*.

14. *Robert*, b. 1 June, 1811; d. 26 July, 1813.

9. DAVID STEWART, JR., b. 4 May, 1799; d. 30 August, 1880; served for several years on the board of selectmen, and as town-clerk and representative. He was an active and useful citizen; rem. to Nashua in 1860, but returned to Amherst in 1879; m. (1) *Charlotte Adams* 18 November, 1834. She d. 23 January, 1853. He m. (2) *Mrs. Eliza*

Buxton, of Nashua. She d. 11 May, 1879, aged 70. His children were—

15. *Edmund Parker*, b. 12 November, 1836; m. Ann E. Houston, of New York, 1 August, 1863. She d. 26 April, 1869, aged 32; res. in New York.

16. *Mary Adams*, b. 29 August, 1839; res. in Amherst; unmarried.

17. *Sarah Maria*, b. 18 March, 1845; res. in Amherst; unmarried.

2. JOHN STEWART settled on the farm west of the great meadow now owned by Mr. Drucker. He m. Keturah Holt, of Andover, Mass., 17 December, 1741. She was b. in February, 1715; d. 16 January, 1797. Their children were—

18. *Keturah*; m. †Amos Green.

19. †*Henry*.

20. †*Simpson*.

21. *John*.

22. *William*; rem. to Vermont.

23. *Martha*; m. (1) †James Hartshorn, jr.; m. (2) †Amos Elliott, sen.

19. HENRY STEWART m. Sarah ———. She d. 5 January, 1785. They settled in Amherst; rem. to Dublin in 1779, thence to New York. Their children were—

24. *Sarah*, b. 22 September, 1773.

25. *Lucy*, b. 3 September, 1776.

26. *Mary*, b. 1 November, 1778.

27. *Reney*, b. 1 April, 1781.

28. *Henry*, b. 4 January, 1785; d. 5 February, 1785.

20. SIMPSON STEWART settled first in Amherst; rem. to Jaffrey about 1780; m. Hannah ———. Their children were—

29. *John*, b. 10 April, 1774.

30. *Simpson*, b. 11 February, 1776.

31. *Hannah*, b. 31 August, 1778.

32. *Ephraim H.*, b. in Jaffrey 2 January, 1781; d. 7 November, 1783.

33. *William H.*, b. 17 May, 1783.

34. *Ephraim*, b. 13 April, 1785.

35. *Betsey*, b. 5 January, 1788.

36. *Luther*, b. 6 January, 1790.

37. JOHN STUART, whose Scotch ancestors settled in Haverhill, Mass., was a resident in Merrimack in 1760, and probably some years earlier. He d. prior to 16 March, 1776. His children were—

38. †*John, jr.*, a joiner, m. Mary Barron; lived in Merrimack and Amherst; d. in Bedford in 1803.

39. *Thomas*, b. in 1749; m. Sarah McCalley, of Litchfield; settled in Antrim; d. there 9 December, 1803.

40. *William*; was a soldier in the war for independence.

41. *Jean*; m. John Stuart, of Antrim. He was b. in Haverhill, Mass., in 1758. They were the parents of Mrs. John Elliott, of Mont Vernon.

42. *Francis*, b. in 1761; m. Susy Swan, of Peterborough; settled at first in Antrim; rem. to Berkshire, Franklin Co., Vt, thence to Grand Isle, Vt., where they died.

43. *Rachel*.

44. *Sarah*.

45. *James*.

38. JOHN STEWART, JR., m. Mary Barron, daughter of Capt. Moses Barron, of Bedford. Silas Barron, her oldest brother, is said to have been the first child born of English parents in that town. They settled on the place afterward owned by Zaccheus Greeley, the birth-place of the founder of the *N. Y. Tribune*. He d. in Bedford in 1803. Their children were—

46. *Sarah*, b. 4 September, 1775; m. — Barry; rem. to Vermont. They were the parents of Gov. John S. Barry, of Michigan.

47. *John*, b. 21 October, 1778.

48. *Hannah*, b. 11 February, 1780; m. Amos Fassett, of Alstead. 12 June, 1803; rem. to Albany, N. Y.

49. *Lucy*, b. 29 August, 1782; m. Timothy Fassett 8 April, 1802; rem. to Albany, N. Y.

50. †*Moses Barron*, b. 3 January, 1785.

51. *Mary*, b. 26 June, 1787.

52. *Rachel*, b. 1 June, 1791.

53. *Thomas*, b. 3 February, 1795; d. in Erie, Pa., about 1877.

50. MOSES BARRON STEWART, b. 3 January, 1785; d. in Bedford 13 June, 1868; m. (1) Jane Arbuckle 13 March,

1811. She d. 22 June, 1819. He m. (2) Nancy Parker in May, 1825. She d. in Bluffville, Carroll Co., Ill., 1 September, 1855, aged 59. He lived for some years with Mr. John Arbuckle; afterward he lived on the farm adjoining that owned by John Fletcher on Chestnut Hill. Their children were—

54. *John A.*, b. 10 July, 1811.

55. *William*, b. 8 October, 1813; m. Mary Annis 10 March, 1859; res. on the farm once owned by his grandfather, John Arbuckle.

56. *Horace*, b. 2 February, 1816; d. in Meadville, Mo., 28 May, 1871.

57. *Thomas*, b. 27 October, 1818; d. 22 June, 1830.

58. *John*, b. 1 November, 1825; m. Jane M. Cox, of Newville, Pa.; res. in Coviington, Ind.

59. *Moses Parker*, b. 2 May, 1827; m. Annie M. Highland, of Palmyra, Mo.; res. in Palmyra.

60. *George*, b. 17 September, 1828; res. in Carbondale, Ill.; unm.

61. *Nancy J.*, b. 2 February, 1831; m. E. G. Tolford; d. in Bedford 24 November, 1870.

62. *Mary E.*, b. 1 March, 1833; m. W. O. Hancock; res. in Manchester.

63. *Charles F.*, b. 2 July, 1835; killed in the Union army at Memphis, Tenn., 24 August, 1864.

64. *Laura A.*, b. 27 February, 1839; m. Solon Robie, of Goffstown; d. in Goffstown 11 October, 1892.

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WILLIAM STEWART, probably belonging to this branch of the Stewart family, was a resident of Souhegan West in 1753.

#### STICKNEY.

THOMAS STICKNEY, b. in Boxford, Mass., 6 January, 1755; d. in Fairfax, Vt., 15 February, 1839; m. Priscilla (Cole) Wilkins 17 May, 1781. She was b. in Boxford 25 December, 1755; d. in Fairfax 17 May, 1813. He was a soldier at Bunker Hill; was in Arnold's expedition to Canada, and was at Quebec when Montgomery was killed, where he was taken prisoner, but was released at the time of Burgoyne's surrender. He served five years in the army. They



resided a short time in Amherst, but removed to Hillsborough near the close of 1782, thence to Fairfax, Vt.

### STILES.

1. CALEB STILES was one of the earliest settlers in Souhegan West. He was one of the founders of the church 22 September, 1741, and his name is attached to the petition to Gov. Wentworth in May, 1747. It is also found in the list of tax-payers in 1760. He m. (1) Sarah—; m. (2) Polly Dalton. His children (by first wife) were—

2. *Rebecca*, b. 26 September, 1734.

3. *Sarah*, b. 11 February, 1736.

4. *Caleb*, b. 19 June, 1737.

5. *Mehitable*, b. 10 June, 1739.

6. *Dorothy*, b. 2 September, 1740.

7. *Hannah*, b. 26 May, 1746.

8. *Joshua*, b. 16 June, 1749; m. (1) Mehitable Leman; m. (2) Hannah Leman; m. (3) Sally Dusten; d. at Greenfield 11 July, 1824.

9. CYRUS STILES, b. in Middleton, Mass., 13 May, 1753; d. in Amherst, 24 August, 1831; m. Hannah Berry, 29 October, 1789; she was b. in Middleton, 14 March, 1771; d. in Amherst, 28 September, 1852. They settled at first in the North-west Parish, but afterward removed to the easterly part of the town. Their children were—

10. *Cyrus*, b. at Middleton, 25 February, 1790; d. in Amherst, in 1794.

11. *Hannah*, b. at Middleton, 1 April, 1792; m. Joseph Prince, of Amherst, 30 November, 1813; removed to Warren, Pa.; d. 13 January, 1837.

12. *Hiram*; d. young.

13. *Mary*; m. Peter McNeil, of New Boston, 23 September, 1818; d. in New Boston, 1882.

14. *Abby*; d. in Mont Vernon, aged 14.

15. *Cynthia*; d. in Mont Vernon, aged 14.

16. *Elizabeth B.*; d. 13 March, 1874, aged 71; unmarried.

17. *Lydia*, b. 10 May, 1804; m. George H. Shaw in April, 1838; res. in Amherst.

18. *Josiah*; d. in Lynn, Mass., 3 August, 1868, aged 59.

19. LEWIS STILES d. 23 March, 1875, aged 79 years. His widow, Mrs. Eliza Hartwell Stiles, d. 28 January, 1879, aged 81 years. Their son—

20. WALTER L. STILES, b. 1816, d. 23 July, 1875; m. Fanny Squires, of Milford, 7 September, 1836; she was b. April, 1816; d. in Manchester, 30 July, 1878. Their children were—

21. *Martha L.*, b. 1849.

22. *Anna E.*, b. 1852.

23. *Mary A.*, b. 1857.

#### SWAN.

ASA SWAN m. Eliza Pollard, b. in Hudson, 27 November, 1805; they lived in Hudson and Lawrence, where he died. After his decease she m. Asa Wyman, of Hudson, who d. in Amherst. Mr. and Mrs. Wyman became residents in Amherst in 1864. Children of Asa and Eliza P. Swan—

*Benjamin F.*, b. in Hudson, 30 December, 1830.

*Hattie A.*, b. 18 July, 1836; m. Alonzo P. Shepard of Amherst.

*Sarah C.*, b. 7 May, 1840; m. (1) Joseph C. Farwell; m. (2) James P. Webster; lives in Amherst.

*Andrew J.*, b. in Lawrence, Mass., 29 January, 1847, the first male child b. in that place after its incorporation as a city. He served in the 3d N. H. Vols. from Merrimack, and d. in Amherst, 28 July, 1865, aged 18 years.

#### TALBOT.

*Philo Talbot*; d. in February, 1807, aged 84.

#### TARBELL.

*Lucy A.*, wife of *Charles Tarbell*, d. 26 July, 1850.

#### TAYLOR.

The ancestors of this family were, probably, from Wales.

DR. EBENEZER TAYLOR is said to have been b. on the ocean while his parents were on the voyage from England to America. Hence he was sometimes called "Seaborn"

Taylor. He m. ——— Coburn, of Tyngsborough, Mass., and settled in Dunstable, now Nashua. They had sons—

*James.*

*William.*

*Benjamin.*

BENJAMIN was b. in 1733; d. 17 November, 1787; m. Martha Lyon, said to have been the first white child b. in Merrimack; settled in Dunstable. Their children were—

*Benjamin.*

*Abner.*

*David.*

*Ebenezer.*

*Luther.*

They also had two daughters, one of whom m. ——— Merrill; the other, ——— Woods.

Benjamin and David served in the army in the war for independence. David d. in the service. Benjamin was in the Battle of Bunker Hill, and at Monmouth. He also served on a privateer vessel and was taken prisoner by the British. After the close of the war he settled in Maine, thence, in 1833, he rem. to Ohio, where he d. at an advanced age. Luther remained on the homestead, in Dunstable, and d. there. Abner settled in Bangor, Me., and left a large family.

1. EBENEZER TAYLOR, son of Benjamin and Martha (Lyon) Taylor, was b. in Dunstable in 1761; d. in Amherst 10 August, 1835; m. Lucy Weston 27 January, 1791. She was b. 27 February, 1772; d. 24 July, 1834. He was for some time a prominent citizen of the town, and served on the board of selectmen several years. Their children were—

2. *Lucy*, b. 2 December, 1792; m. Col. Benjamin P. Brown, of Waltham, Mass., 28 October, 1821. She d. 17 July, 1824. He d. in Lowell, Mass., in March, 1843.

3. *Ebenezer, jr.*, b. 10 March, 1794; d. at Mechanicsville, Ohio, 19 March, 1864; unmarried.

4. *David*, b. 11 October, 1796; m. Margaret C. Bell, of Hillsborough, 23 February, 1823; d. in Lowell, Mass., 20 January, 1831. She d. 6 April, 1854.

5. *Daniel*, b. in 1798; d. 1 March, 1893.

6. *Harriett*, b. in 1800; d. 24 February, 1803.

7. *Charlotte*, b. 5 May, 1805; m. Walter Read 3 April, 1832; d. 28 December, 1835.

8. *Daniel Hamilton*, b. 26 September, 1807; unmarried.

9. *Luther*, b. 9 October, 1810; m. (1) *Phebe Berry*, at Lowell, Mass., in 1833. She d. at Pittsfield, Mass., in 1847. He m. (2) *Louisa Berry*.

10. *Jane*, b. 16 September, 1814; m. *Charles W. Rhoads*, of Amherst, 6 December, 1835; d. 30 July, 1836.

11. *George*, b. 25 September, 1818; m. *Mary A. M. Armes* 6 April, 1848; res. in Dracut, Mass.

12. *Hammond*; d. in infancy.

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*Nathan Taylor*, from Amherst, settled in Antrim in 1780. He d. in Antrim in 1808.

### TENANT.

1. **MOSES TENANT** was a son of William and Agnes Hogg. His name was changed from Hogg to Tenant. He was a native of Amherst, b. 9 November, 1766; d. 23 January, 1837; m. *Sarah* ———. She d. of spotted fever 26 April, 1815, aged 53. Four of their children d. of the same disease. Their children were—

2. *Moses Barnett*, b. 26 May, 1794; d. 4 March, 1815.

3. *William Mitchel*, b. 20 August, 1795; d. 8 November, 1816.

4. *Samuel*, b. 31 January, 1797; d. 7 March, 1815.

5. *John Walker*, b. 8 September, 1799.

6. *Sarah*, b. 21 March, 1801; d. 14 July, 1814.

### THISSELL.

**JOSIAH THISSELL**, b. in 1805, resided several years in the north-east part of the town. By his wife, *Abigail*, b. in 1808, he had children—

*Woodbury*, b. in 1831.

*Nancy Ann*, b. in 1840.

*Allen*, b. in 1833.

*Eliza J.*, b. in 1842.

*Sarah A.*, b. in 1835.

*Eldredge F.*, b. in 1844.

*Mary L.*, b. in 1837.

*Lowell T.*, b. in 1848.

### THOMAS.

**ELIAS THOMAS**, b. 20 March, 1787, and *Lucy Bills* were m. 30 March, 1817. He d. in 1864. Their son—

*Charles*, b. in 1817, d. 22 July, 1862.

ISRAEL THOMAS, b. 20 April, 1786 ; d. 5 September, 1821. Lydia, his widow, d. 27 July, 1841, aged 51. Their children were—

*Robert* ; d. 23 May, 1840, aged 23.

*Joanna*.

### THORNTON.

MATTHEW THORNTON, JR., son of Hon. Matthew Thornton, of Merrimack, m. Fanny, daughter of Dr. Samuel Curtis. He d. in a few years a victim of intemperance. She d. 30 April, 1807, aged 26 years. Their children were—

*Abigail Curtis*, b. 3 July, 1800 ; m. Capt. David McGregor, of Londonderry, 15 July, 1824.

*Hannah Jack*, b. 15 October, 1801 ; d. at Washington, D. C.

### THOMPSON.

OLIVER THOMPSON m. (1) Betsey Clark 27 August, 1814. She d. 8 March, 1841, aged 43. He m. (2) Sarah ———. She d. 15 December, 1878, aged 88 years and 9 months. He d. 3 December, 1877, aged 87. Their children were—

*A child* : (scalded) d. in September, 1819, aged 1 year.

*Oliver, jr.* ; d. 10 December, 1841, aged 19.

### TOWNE.

1. CAPT. ISRAEL TOWNE was descended from William Towne, one of the first settlers of Topsfield, Mass. He was b. at Topsfield 24 March, 1705 ; d. in Amherst 22 November, 1791 ; m. Grace Gardner 23 May, 1729. She d. 3 September, 1803, aged 96. Prior to 1741 they settled in Souhegan West, on the farm recently occupied by their great-grandson, Luther Towne. Their children were—

2. † *Thomas*, b. in 1732.

3. † *Archelaus*, b. in 1734.

4. † *Israel*, b. 16 November, 1736.

5. † *Moses*, b. in 1738.

6. *Gardner*, b. 6 June, 1741 ; m. Abigail Hopkins.

7. *Elizabeth*, b. 30 June, 1745; d. 16 July, 1794.

8. *Susannah*, b. 28 May, 1748.

9. *Mary*, b. 20 April, 1751; d. 29 August, 1781; unmarried.

2. THOMAS TOWNE, b. in 1732; m. Hannah ———. She d. 23 November, 1779, aged 44. Their children were—

10. *Dorcas*, b. 10 November, 1755; m. †Deacon Samuel Wilkins.

11. *Joseph*, b. 30 September, 1758; a merchant in Henniker; m. (1) Sarah Towne 15 January, 1785; m. (2) Margaret Barker 21 August, 1806.

12. *Rebecca*, b. 5 March, 1760; d. young.

13. *Rebecca*, b. in 1763; d. 2 March, 1788.

14. *Hannah*, b. 1 October, 1767; d. 9 October, 1767.

15. *Lydia*; d. 9 December, 1784, aged 17.

3. CAPT. ARCHELAUS TOWNE, an officer in the army of the Revolution; b. in 1734; m. (1) Mary Abbot. She was b. 24 June, 1737; m. (2) Martha Abbot. He d. in the army at Fishkill, N. Y., in November, 1779. Their children were—

16. *Sarah*, b. 23 May, 1758.

17. *Archelaus*, b. 13 July, 1760; m. Esther Weston 22 September, 1781.

18. *Susannah*, b. 29 December, 1762; m. †Timothy Nichols, jr.

19. *Mary*, b. 12 September, 1771; m. ——— Holt; rem. to Vermont.

20. *Martha*, b. 12 September, 1771; adopted by Daniel Campbell; m. Amos Dodge; d. in Salem, Mass.

4. CAPT. ISRAEL TOWNE, JR., b. in Topsfield, Mass., 16 November, 1736; came to Souhegan West with his parents; m. Lydia Hopkins, who d. in 1826, aged 89. He was one of the selectmen of the town several years. About 1782 he purchased a large tract of land in Stoddard, to which he rem. with most of his family shortly after. He d. at Stoddard 28 April, 1813. Their children were—

21. *Israel*, b. 14 June, 1761; m. Hannah Abbot 24 May, 1781. She d. 9 March, 1847, aged 93. He d. at Stoddard 2 May, 1848.

22. †*William*, b. 25 March, 1763; settled in Amherst.

23. *Gardner*, b. 1 May, 1765; d. 16 December, 1815.

- 24. *Benjamin*, b. 23 March, 1767; d. 2 August, 1816.
- 25. *Andreic*, b. 11 July, 1739; d. at Marlow 26 July, 1865, aged 96.
- 26. *Lydia*, b. 11 April, 1772; d. 28 August, 1777.
- 27. *Daniel*, b. 20 August, 1774; d. 11 July, 1814.
- 28. *Hannah*, b. 28 August, 1776; d. at Tyngsborough, Mass., 13 October, 1870, aged 94.
- 29. *Lemuel*, b. 10 May, 1782; d. at Lempster 1 July, 1872, aged 90.

This family was distinguished for longevity, the average age of its members, excluding one who d. in infancy, being 75 years and 28 days.

Six children of (21) Israel Towne were living in 1871 as follows:

- Lydia Holgman*, Stoddard, aged 90.
- Archelaus Towne*, Langdon, aged 89.
- Esther Howe*, Sullivan, aged 83.
- Gardner Towne*, Marlow, aged 79.
- Ebenezer Towne*, Boscawen, aged 75.
- Lucy Upton*, Stoddard, aged 74.

5. MOSES TOWNE, b. in 1738; d. 9 February, 1824; m. Mary Gray 3 December, 1761. She d. 19 October, 1775, aged 31. Their children were—

- 30. *Sarah*, b. 10 December, 1762.
- 31. *Samuel Gray*, b. 25 May, 1764.
- 32. *Moses*, b. 21 August, 1766; m. Sarah ———. She d. 17 April 1851, aged 84. He d. 14 August, 1854.
- 33. *Mary*, b. 15 September, 1768; d. 1 March, 1777.
- 34. *Elizabeth*, b. 27 October, 1770.
- 35. *Lemuel*, b. 17 June, 1773; d. 8 October, 1775.

22. WILLIAM TOWNE, son of Capt. Israel, jr., and Lydia (Hopkins) Towne, was b. 25 March, 1763; settled on the place once occupied by his grandfather, Capt. Israel Towne — where he d. 8 July, 1841. He m. Martha Burns, of Milford. Their son and only child—

36. *Luther Towne*, b. 17 September, 1805, succeeded his father on the Towne homestead; m. (1) Nancy Tolman; m. (2) Mrs. Nancy F. (Barrett) Pollard; rem. to Nashua where he now res. His children all by his first wife, were—

- 37. Mary; married; res. in Florida.
- 38. Harriett; m. L. W. Nichols 3 June, 1857; res. in Worcester, Mass.
- 39. Cynthia S.; m. Rev. John A. Baskwell 2 May, 1864.
- 40. Henrietta; unmarried; res. with her sister in Florida.

41. JONATHAN TOWNE, brother of Israel, senior, and Elisha, b. at Topsfield 6 September, 1728; settled in Monson; d. in the army, at Crown Point, in July, 1776; m. Mary Deane 31 October, 1751. She d. in 1784. Their children were—

- 42. †*Jonathan, jr.*, b. 28 April, 1751.
- 43. *Mary*, b. 23 September, 1756; d. 6 March, 1847; unmarried.
- 44. *Betsey*, b. in 1758.
- 45. *Aaron*, b. 14 March, 1761.
- 46. *Jane*, b. in 1763.
- 47. *Phebe*, b. 13 November, 1765.

The children of (42) JONATHAN, JR., and MARY TOWNE were—

- 48. *Sally*, b. 24 April, 1782.
- 49. *Jonathan*, b. 6 August, 1784.
- 50. *David*, b. 18 June, 1786.
- 51. *Mary*, b. 10 November, 1787.

52. ELISHA TOWNE, brother of Capt. Israel, senior, was b. at Topsfield 5 September, 1708; m. Mary Foster, of Topsfield, 11 June, 1738. About 1748 he rem. to Monson, now Milford, where he and his brother Israel had purchased a farm, of Widow Abigail Taylor, on which he settled. Their children were—

- 53. *Joseph*, b. in 1739; d. in infancy.
- 54. *Bartholomew*, b. 8 April, 1741.
- 55. *Thomas*, b. 8 February, 1743.
- 56. *Mercy*, b. 15 February, 1745.
- 57. *Sarah*, b. 20 November, 1747.
- 58. *Elisha*, b. 11 May, 1751; d. young.
- 59. *Samuel*, b. 23 August, 1753.
- 60. *Mary*, b. 31 July, 1751.
- 61. *Elisha*, b. 9 May, 1760.



62. ISRAEL TOWNE, b. in Boston, Mass. ; m. (1) ———; m. (2) Sarah Brazier ; came to Amherst in 1837: d. 25 October, 1861, aged 74. Their children were—

63. *Clara*.

64. *Maria* ; unmarried ; res. in New Jersey.

65. *Amelia* ; m. Zeph. Bassett ; res. in Chelsea, Mass.

66. *Hannah* ; m. W. W. Wilson ; res. in Billerica, Mass.

67. *Elizabeth B.* ; m. William J. Weston ; res. in Amherst.

68. *James W.* ; m. (1) Cynthia Gowing ; m. (2) Rebecca Eames, of Wilmington, Mass. ; res. in East Orange, N. J.

69. *William* ; married — ; res. in California.

70. *Emily R.* ; unmarried ; res. with her brother in New Jersey.

71. *Charles* ; married — ; d. in California 31 December, 1875, aged 37.

### TROW.

JOSEPH P. TROW, b. in Mont Vernon 26 November, 1826 ; m. Lenora F. Underwood 8 January, 1856. She was b. in New Boston 10 June, 1836. They settled in Amherst in April, 1857, and occupy the farm formerly occupied by Capt. Elijah Putnam, on Christian hill. Their children are—

*Clarence L.*, b. 13 November, 1860.

*George A.*, b. 18 December, 1862.

### TRUELL.

1. AMOS TRUELL, JR., b. in Amherst 13 August, 1776 ; d. 24 September, 1841 ; m. (1) Elizabeth Wilson in October, 1799. She was b. in Merrimack 2 October, 1780 ; d. 2 July, 1826. He m. (2) Thankful Rider in April, 1828. She was b. in Dunbarton 15 April, 1796 ; d. 9 December, 1844. Their children (all b. in Amherst) were—

2. *Amos*, b. 24 April, 1800 ; d. 3 February, 1821.

3. *Jacob*, b. 14 March, 1802 ; d. 6 May, 1814.

4. *Elizabeth*, b. 11 April, 1804 ; d. 2 May, 1814.

5. *Sophia*, b. 17 June, 1806 ; m. Isaac Lovejoy in September, 1827.

6. *Martha*, b. 27 August, 1808 ; m. Abbot Russell in May, 1836.

7. *Eli*, b. 12 November, 1810; m. Mary A. Gray in July, 1849. She d. at Canton, Mass., 28 August, 1857.

8. *Mary Jane*, b. 27 December, 1812; d. 4 May, 1814.

9. *Jacob*, b. 22 October, 1815; m. Louisa A. Fletcher in September, 1841.

10. *Elizabeth*, b. 14 May, 1818; m. Lyman Andrews 15 August, 1844.

11. *Mary Jane*, b. 8 January, 1821; d. 20 January, 1859.

12. *Amos*, b. 15 April, 1832; m. Diana Salisbury in August, 1852; d. a prisoner of war in Salisbury prison, North Carolina, 28 December, 1864.

13. *John G.*, b. 1 September, 1836.

14. MOSES TRUELL m. Ede Holt. She was b. in Temple 14 January, 1777; d. 26 June, 1825. Their children were—

15. *Moses*.

16. *Sarah*, b. 1 January, 1814; d. 7 May, 1814.

17. *Ede*, b. 7 May, 1815; d. 11 September, 1817.

18. *Charles*, b. 1 April, 1817; d. 24 February, 1818.

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*Amos Truell*; d. in April, 1822, aged 83.

*Widow Truell*; d. in January, 1829, aged 90.

*Elizabeth Truell*; d. in August, 1814, aged 88.

*Samuel Truell*; d. 26 February, 1835, aged 64.

*Mrs. Susannah Truell*; d. 2 February, 1821, aged 44.

*Joanna*, daughter of *David and Sarah Truell*, was b. 10 April, 1766.

## TUCK.

JOHN TUCK, a resident in Amherst, styled himself a "mariner" in his will. Mary, his wife, d. 6 April, 1803. He gave the greater part of his property to his daughters, Esther and Sally, as they were lame, but commended their brother and sisters to their care should they need assistance. The children of John and Mary Tuck were—

1. *John*; d. 5 November, 1827, aged 53.

2. *Polly*, b. 14 August, 1776.

3. *Sally*.

4. *Elizabeth*.

5. *Esther*.

## TUFTS.

WIDOW MIRIAM TUFTS ; d. 26 December, 1835, aged 69.

## TUTTLE.

NATHAN TUTTLE, a Revolutionary soldier, d. in Mont Vernon in July, 1828, aged 92. Elizabeth, his wife, d. 17 September, 1821, aged 73. Among their children were—

*William Bradford.*

*Jotham.*

*James.*

Of these, William Bradford d. at Woodstock, Baltimore county, Md. 29 September, 1852, aged 48. He was engaged in working a granite quarry on the Patapsco, about 12 miles from Baltimore. James m. Hannah Bradford 5 July, 1798.

CHARLES BELL TUTTLE, for twenty years a popular merchant on Amherst Plain, was a son of Dr. Peter and Gratia (Kittredge) Tuttle. He was b. in Hancock 9 May, 1818; settled in Amherst in 1835; rem. to Milford in 1865; d. 16 December, 1880; m. (1) Lydia Ann Cleaves 8 June, 1843. She was b. in Mont Vernon 8 April, 1823; d. 26 July, 1866. He m. (2) ——— Chase. Their children were—

*Charles W.*, b. 27 October, 1847; d. 19 August, 1866.

*Catherine A.*, b. 19 June, 1849; m. Frank W. Chase, of Milford, 18 June, 1877.

*Charlotte E.*, b. 25 July, 1851; d. 14 June, 1852.

*Caroline L.*, b. 3 August, 1854; d. 6 September, 1854.

*Edward Spalding*, b. 8 July, 1849; d. 12 September, 1860.

*Anna L.*, b. 19 March, 1862; d. 6 October, 1862.

*Isabella L.*, b. 12 February, 1865; d. 22 July, 1866.

*M. Caroline*, wife of William Cullen Tuttle, d. 13 October, 1853, aged 29.

## TWISS.

1. DIMON C. TWISS, the only child of Daniel and Rebecca (Creasey) Twiss, was b. in Marblehead, Mass., 4 September, 1773. He m. (1) Mary Woodbury, of Beverly, Mass., in 1793, who d. in 1795; m. (2) Sarah Ireson, of Marblehead, in

1798, who d. in 1815; m. (3) Mary Jones, of Hillsborough, in July, 1817. She was b. 17 September, 1789, and is still living. He resided in Beverly, Marblehead, Nottingham West and Antrim; came to Amherst about 1848, and, after a few years, rem. to Mont Vernon, where he d. in January, 1861. Their children were—

2. *Fanny C.*, b. in Beverly, Mass., 18 October, 1799; m. Jesse Carr 3 December, 1833; d. in Antrim 30 November, 1858.

3. *Polly*, b. 22 November, 1800; d. in 1814.

4. *Thomas D.*, b. in Marblehead, Mass., 23 December, 1801; m. Betsey H. Brackett 30 January, 1834; d. 21 March, 1876.

5. *Dimon*, b. in August, 1803; m. (1) Harriet Parmenter 30 October, 1834. She d. in 1844. He m. (2) Mehitabel Hills 10 June, 1845. He was a blacksmith, and carried on business in Antrim several years, thence he rem., in 1868, to Mont Vernon, where he still res. His wife d. 4 June, 1874.

6. *George*, b. in Nottingham West (now Hudson) 10 December, 1804; m. Mary Flagg in 1831; d. in Boston, Mass., 26 July, 1852.

7. *Daniel*, b. 18 December, 1806; a house painter; m. and res. in East Boston, Mass.

8. *James*, b. 27 August, 1809; d. 14 September, 1859; unmarried.

9. *Sarah*, b. 23 August, 1811; d. in infancy.

10. *Abraham G.*, b. 19 May, 1818; m. Sabra G. Carr, of Antrim, in 1841; was a machinist; d. in Manchester 8 April, 1876.

11. *Mary W.*, b. 26 October, 1819; m. Mark Putnam 10 December, 1839. He d. in Amherst 20 January, 1882, aged 63.

12. †*John W.*, b. 2 May, 1822.

13. *Catherine J.*, b. 21 December, 1824; m. †Freeman C. Bills.

14. †*Mark*, b. 5 February, 1827.

15. †*Charles C.*, b. 8 August, 1829.

16. *Adoniram J.*, b. 21 March, 1832; m. Mary Gibson, of Nashua.

MRS. MARY (JONES) TWISS, widow of Dimon C. Twiss, is now (March, 1882) residing with her daughter, Mrs. Mark Putnam, in full possession of all her faculties and in good health. On her ninetieth birth-day the Baptist society, in Amherst, gave a party at the church in her honor, which she attended. At the same time the house, which had been undergoing repairs, was re-dedicated.

12. JOHN W. TWISS, b. 2 May, 1822; m. (1) Hannah McIlvaine in September, 1846. She d. in September, 1856. He m. (2) Margaret Price, of Plattsburg, N. Y. He d. 6 March, 1876. Their children were—

17. *Gertrude*, b. 16 December, 1847; m. Alex. Henderson 13 January, 1863; res. in Attleborough, Mass.

18. *Charles V.*, b. 19 September, 1851; m. Alice Jardy in September, 1872; res. in Boston, Mass.

19. *George W.*, b. 19 August, 1856; adopted by Mark Putnam in infancy, and bears the name of Putnam.

14. MARK TWISS, b. 5 February, 1827; m. Caroline Crosby, of Milford, 1 November, 1851. He is an iron molder, and res. in Providence, R. I. Their son—

20. *Edward*, was b. 3 May, 1854; res. in Providence.

15. CHARLES CUMMINGS TWISS, b. 8 August, 1829; m. (1) Harriet Glover, of Franklin, Vt., 4 March, 1857; m. (2) Mrs. Ellen Jaquith, of Nashua, 19 September, 1876; res. in Nashua. Their children are—

21. *Mary*, b. in August, 1858; res. in Amherst.

22. *Hattie*, b. in April, 1861; m. Fred. Merrill in October, 1881; res. in Amherst.

23. *Frank*, b. in March, 1868.

24. *John C.*, b. 1 March, 1870.

Child of (25) JONATHAN and RACHEL TWISS—

26. *Jonathan*, b. 15 May, 1778; m. Phebe Clark 2 December, 1799.

Children of (27) JOHN and ELIZABETH TWISS—she d. 29 January, 1782—

28. *John*, b. 14 February, 1775.

29. *Joseph*, b. 7 April, 1777.

30. *Benjamin*, b. 7 November, 1778.

Children of (27) JOHN TWISS—

31. *Jeremiah*, b. 27 November, 1784.

32. *Caleb*, b. 30 November, 1786.

Children of (33) EBEN and NABBY TWISS—

- 34. *Abigail*, b. 22 December, 1783.
- 35. *Ebenezer*, b. 22 August, 1786.
- 36. *James*, b. 4 August, 1788.
- 37. *Hannah*, b. 17 June, 1790.
- 38. *Desdemona*, b. 15 March, 1792.
- 39. *Luther*, b. 16 May, 1794.
- 40. *Calvin*, b. 15 June, 1796.
- 41. *John*, b. 13 April, 1798.
- 42. *Mehitable*, b. 19 April, 1800.

#### UNDERHILL.

DAVID UNDERHILL, b. in Chester; was for some years a prominent citizen and politician in Amherst; d. (suicide) 11 December, 1840, aged 41; m. (1) Jane C. Lawrence, 18 October, 1825; she d. June, 1826; m. (2) Lucretia French, of Milford. The children of David and Lucretia F. Underhill were—

- Joseph P.*; d. December, 1829, aged 11 months.
- Joseph P.*, b. 17 June, 1831; d. at Brooklyn, N. Y., 11 May, 1876.
- Frank Pierce*; d. 11 September, 1834, aged 11 months.
- Harriet P.*; d. young.
- Francis*.

#### UNDERWOOD.

THOMAS UNDERWOOD lived for some years on the farm on Chestnut Hill, since owned by Asa McCluer and P. W. Jones. He m. Mehitable Gage, and d. in Hillsborough 18 November, 1838, aged 79; she d. 14 June, 1829, aged 69. Their children were—

- Joseph*.
- Lucinda*; m. John Mussey.
- Peter*.
- John*.
- Charles*.
- Thomas*.
- Sally*; m. Isaac Gage, of Merrimack, 19 March, 1816.
- Parker*.
- James*; m. ———; d. 9 July, 1832, aged 32.
- William*, b. 30 October, 1806; m. (1) ———; m. (2) Naomi S. Wilkins 10 January, 1833; d. 28 November, 1841.

WILLIAM UNDERWOOD, son of Thomas and Mehitable, b. 30 October, 1806; d. 28 November, 1841; m. (1) ———; m. (2) Naomi S. Wilkins, 10 January, 1833. Their children were—

*Ellen J.*, b. 21 February, 1834; m. Ebenezer Jaquith, of Amherst, 25 December, 1854; res. in Nashua.

*Fareno F.*, b. 10 June, 1836; m. J. P. Trow 8 January, 1856; res. in Amherst.

*George F.*, b. 15 August, 1838; d. 14 May, 1841.

HANNAH UNDERWOOD d. 1 November, 1841, aged 90.

### UPHAM.

The surname Upham was known in England in 1208. It was probably derived from the name of a town, in which use it is found as early as 1050. This being before the Norman invasion, the name and probably the race bearing it were of Saxon origin.

I. JOHN UPHAM, b. in England in 1597; came to Weymouth, Mass., where he was admitted freeman 2 September, 1635. He was often employed in public business, and held the office of deacon at least 24 years. He d. 25 February, 1681. His wife, Elizabeth, d. probably in December, 1670, and he m. (2) Catharine Holland in 1671.

II. LIEUT. PHINEAS UPHAM, son of John and Elizabeth, b. in 1636, the fifth of their children and the first b. in America; m. Ruth Wood 14 April, 1658. He was Lieutenant in the company commanded by Capt. Johnson in the assault made on the Narraganset fort, 19 December, 1675, in which battle he received a wound from the effects of which he d. in October, 1676. His wife, Ruth, d. 18 January, 1696-7, aged 60.

III. PHINEAS UPHAM, eldest son of the last named, b. in Malden, 22 May, 1659; m. Mary Mellins, of Charlestown, probably in 1683. He served as selectman, moderator, representative, and deacon, and d. in October, 1720.

IV. PHINEAS UPHAM, son of Dea. Phineas and Mary, was b. 10 June, 1682; m. Tamzan Hill 23 November, 1703. He d. in 1766. His wife, Tamzan, d. 24 April, 1768, aged 83.

V. TIMOTHY UPHAM, son of the last named, b. 29 August, 1710; m. Mary Cheever, of Lynn, 24 December, 1739. Their son, Timothy, b. 9 February, 1747-8; graduated at Harvard College in 1768, and was ordained and installed as minister of Deerfield, N. H., in 1772. He was the father of Gen. Timothy Upham, of Portsmouth, and Hon. Nathaniel Upham, of Rochester, the father of Hon. Nathaniel G. Upham, of Concord.

V. JABEZ UPHAM, brother of the last named, was a physician in Brookfield, Mass. He was the father of Phineas, who was the father of Hon. George B. Upham, of Claremont.

V. JACOB UPHAM, the youngest child of Phineas and Tamzan, b. 30 April, 1723; m. Rebecca Burnap, 19 January, 1748; d. 30 September, 1775.

VI. 1. JACOB UPHAM, son of Jacob and Rebecca, b. 16 May, 1766; d. in Amherst 1 April, 1849; m. (1) Sarah Pratt, 17 November, 1791; she was b. 20 April, 1759; d. 17 November, 1826; m. (2) Sarah Whittemore 15 April 1827; she was b. 25 July, 1775; d. 23 April, 1849. He settled in Amherst in 1792. Their children were—

2. *Sally*, b. 22 March, 1794; d. 17 March, 1796.

3. †*Jacob*, b. 29 October, 1798.

VII. 3. JACOB UPHAM, JR., b. in Amherst 29 October, 1798; d. 14 October, 1859; m. Sarah Hayward 20 November, 1822; she was b. 31 August, 1804, and is still living in Nashua. Their children were—

4. †*Jacob Burnap*, b. 4 January, 1824.

5. *Sarah Tamzan*, b. 7 February, 1826; m. Samuel H. Vose 6 November, 1849; d. in Salem 16 November, 1861; no children living.



6. *Mary*, b. 25 March, 1827; m. Gilman D. Kelly 25 November, 1847; res. in Salem, N. H.; four children.

7. *Emily Dorcas*, b. 30 July, 1829; m. (1) Lucius B. Merriam 28 May, 1851; he d. 17 June, 1853; m. (2) Henry E. Babcock 13 February, 1858; res. in Bolton, Mass. She d. 20 June, 1863; two children living.

8. *Susan*, b. 14 April, 1832; m. David Perkins Lowe 14 June, 1855; res. in Troy; three children.

9. †*John Henry*, b. 21 November, 1835.

10. *Ruth Elizabeth*, b. 18 October, 1838; resides in Nashua; unm.

11. *Jesse Hayward*, b. 19 February, 1841; d. 3 March, 1841.

12. *George William*, b. 23 April, 1842; m. Sarah A. Buss, of Temple, 2 May, 1867; has two children; d. in Nashua 12 February, 1883.

13. *Warren*, b. 8 March, 1850; now in Minnesota.

VIII. 4. JACOB B. UPHAM, b. in Amherst 4 January, 1824; m. (1) Mary E. Chapin, of Antrim, 31 August, 1871; b. 12 May, 1835. She d. 11 November, 1874; m. (2) Sarah F. Converse, of Amherst, 4 November, 1875. Their children were—

14. *Mary Bertha*, b. 15 August, 1872.

15. *Ernest Jacob*, b. 17 July, 1874; d. 15 August, 1875.

16. *Charles Jacob*, b. 16 August, 1876.

VIII. 9. JOHN H. UPHAM, b. in Amherst 21 November, 1835; m. Catharine E. Colburn, of Merrimack, 22 April, 1862. Their children are—

17. *Charles Henry*, b. 27 March, 1863.

18. *George Foster*, b. 21 September, 1865.

19. *Osgood Fiffield*, b. 29 July, 1869.

20. PHINEAS UPHAM, b. in Malden, Mass., in 1744; died in Amherst 10 April, 1815; m. Ruth Green; she d. 17 April, 1815, aged 71. Their children were—

21. *Ruth*, b. 2 September, 1767.

22. †*Phineas*, b. 24 May, 1769.

23. †*Amos*, b. 15 October, 1771.

22. PHINEAS UPHAM, JR., son of Phineas and Ruth, b. 24 May, 1769; d. 2 February, 1831; m. Lois Stratton 13

February, 1791; she d. 9 February, 1831. Their children were—

- 24. †*Phineas*, b. 13 October, 1795.
- 25. *Isaac*, b. 25 September, 1797; d. 25 September, 1801.
- 26. *Polly*, b. 19 September, 1799; m. †*James Prince*.
- 27. †*Isaac*, b. 19 February, 1802.
- 28. *Luther*, } m. (1) *Margaret Eastman*; m. (2)—; m.  
b. 18 August, 1810. [(3)—; res. in Hooksett, N. H.
- 29. *Lucy*, } d. 24 August, 1843; unmarried.
- 30. *Alfred*, b. 17 March, 1812; m. *Alzina*—; d. in Windsor, Vt., 12 March, 1844.

23. PHINEAS UPHAM, son of Phineas, jr., and Lois, b. 13 October, 1795; d. 16 April, 1863; m. (1) *Mary Crosby*, 24 March, 1834; she was b. in Rome, Me., 4 September, 1808; d. in Amherst 6 June, 1838; m. (2) *Mrs. Sally (Crosby) Elliot*, sister of first wife, 19 February, 1850; she d. 25 March, 1880. One child—

- 31. †*Phineas C.*, b. 2 February, 1835; m. *Nellie Stevens*.

31. PHINEAS C. UPHAM, only child of Phineas and Mary, b. 2 February, 1835; d. 5 August, 1859; m. *Nellie Stevens*, 3 January, 1853. One child—

- 32. *Mary E.*, b. in Amherst 31 October, 1858.

27. ISAAC UPHAM, son of Phineas and Lois, b. 19 February, 1802; d. 17 April, 1869; m. *Martha J. Carter* 5 July, 1831. Their children were—

- 33. *Martha J.*, b. 8 July, 1835; m. *Francis Shaw*, of Franklin, 26 April, 1853; d. 25 April, 1854, aged 18.
- 34. *Henry I.*, b. 7 May, 1837; m. *Myra E. Upton* 15 May, 1860; she was b. 8 October, 1837; 1 child, *Willie H.*, b. 24 January, 1862; res. in Concord.

23. AMOS UPHAM, son of Phineas and Ruth, b. 15 October, 1771; d. 24 November, 1826; m. (1) *Hannah Green* 3 September, 1797; m. (2) *Betsey Hassell* in June, 1803.

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*Lois Upham* d. in September, 1827, aged 53.

*Amos Upham*, formerly of Amherst, d. in 1869, aged 69.

*Lucy Upham* d. 24 August, 1843, aged 33

*Nathan Upham* m. Sally Osgood, 21 Mar

*Ruth Adeline*, daughter of Nathan Upham, aged 11 years.

A child of Amos Upham d. in October, 18

*Luther Upham* m. Calista A. Farnsworth 1841.

### UPTON.

**JEREMIAH UPTON**, b. 21 February 1832; d. in Howard, 4 November, 1832; she v Their children were—

*Charles*, b. 24 January, 1836; m. Jennie ton; d. in Nashua, 18 June, 1876.

*Almira E.*, b. 8 October, 1837; m. Henry res. in Manchester.

*James Henry*, b. 4 August, 1839; m. ( Theresa M. Gale; (3) Fanny S. Griffin.

*Martha M.*, ) d. 31

b. 7 November, 1841;

*Mary S.*, ) d. 24

*George H.*, b. 24 January, 1843; m. Ab derry.

*Harriet P.*, b. 3 December, 1845; m. †He

*William P.*, b. 7 May, 1848; d. 27 Decen

*Helen R.*, b. 16 July, 1851; m. Noble Conn.

*Jeremiah E.*, b. 5 November, 1855; m. 17 October, 1882.

*Aldie E.*, b. 18 August, 1859.

### USHER.

**ELEAZER USHER**, b. 16 June, 1746 Mrs. Prudence Wilson; she d. 10 J Their children were—

*Jacob*, b. in 1775; d. in January, 1814, a

*Polly*, b. in 1783; d. in May, 1809, aged

*Simcon*, b. 10 June, 1785; d. 28 April, 17

## VAUGHN.

JOSEPH VAUGHN, b. 1796 ; d. at the Asylum for the Insane, in Concord, 3 April, 1876. He carried on the business of a watch-maker on the Plain more than twenty years. His wife, Mrs. Harriet Vaughn, b. in 1805, d. 5 June, 1875. Their children were—

*Frances H.* ; m. Robert Emerson 30 September, 1847.

*Joseph H.*, b. in 1829.

*William W.*, b. in 1832.

*Caroline*, b. in 1836 ; d. 19 August, 1860.

## VOSE.

SAMUEL VOSE, well known as a stage owner and stage driver, d. 15 March, 1857, aged 57 ; Mary A., his widow, d. 5 June, 1863, aged 58. Their children were—

*Charles* ; drowned 29 October, 1841, aged 6 years.

*Edward*, b. in 1839 ; was a member of the 5th Regiment N. H. Vols. in the civil war ; d. in the service.

*Ann M.*, b. in 1840 ; m. William B. Hartwell 18 April, 1857.

*George*, b. in 1842 ; m. Eliza Eaton, of Hillsborough, 15 April, 1864. He was a member of Co. F, 5th Regiment N. H. Vols., and was appointed 1st Lieut. 3 July, 1864.

*William K.*, b. 3 November, 1844.

## WAKEFIELD.

1. THOMAS WAKEFIELD, of Reading, Mass., son of Thomas and Cassy Wakefield, was b. in Boston 5 August, 1727 ; m. Dorcas Pratt, 29 March, 1750, and settled in Souhegan West shortly after. He d. probably in September, 1791 ; she d. in Reading 26 November, 1802, aged 78. He was one of the selectmen of Amherst 22 years, and town-clerk several years, beside filling other important offices. Their children were—

2. † *Thomas*, b. in Reading 12 January, 1751.

3. *Joseph*, b. 9 May, 1752.

4. † *Ebenezer*.

5. *Timothy*, b. 15 February, 1756; settled in Reading; d. 19 April 1849, aged 93.
6. † *William*; m. Sally Hosea 17 November, 1786.
7. *Dorcas*, b. 13 December, 1759; m. Daniel Damon 28 October 1794; d. at Reading 1 May, 1819.
8. *John*, b. 7 March, 1762.
9. *Peter*, b. 7 March, 1764; m. Keziah Burns 3 March, 1792.

2. THOMAS WAKEFIELD, JR., b. in Reading, Mass., 12 January, 1751; d. in Jaffrey, in January, 1839; m. Elizabeth Hardy, of Hollis, in 1772; she was b. in Bradford, Mass., 22 July, 1750; d. in 1832. They lived in Amherst seven years, thence they rem. to Dublin in 1778, and in 1808 to Jaffrey. Their children were—

10. *Thomas*, b. in August, 1773; m. Olive Hart, of Castine, Me., 1805; removed to Maine.

11. *Othniel*, b. 25 April, 1775; d. at Seneca, N. Y., 5 September, 1800.

12. *Betsey*, b. in March, 1777; m. Timothy Wakefield, Jr., of Reading, in October, 1802; d. in November, 1848.

13. *Cyrus*, b. 16 November, 1779; m. Sally Mason in June, 1803. He d. 5 October, 1810.

14. *James*, b. 9 September, 1782; m. (1) Hannah Hemmenway 11 October, 1803; settled in Marlborough, now Roxbury, N. H. His son Cyrus, b. 7 February, 1811, built a large rattan manufactory in South Reading, and accumulated a large estate; in compliment to him the name of the town was changed to Wakefield.

15. *Abigail*, b. 3 June, 1784; m. Rev. Amos Pettengill in January, 1807; removed to Champlain, N. Y.; d. in March, 1810.

16. *Peter*, b. 16 April, 1786; m. Esther Whitecomb in November, 1809; removed to New York.

17. *Martha*, b. 11 April, 1788; m. Rev. Peter Sanborn, of Reading, in 1810; d. in 1849.

18. *Dorcas*, b. 11 March, 1790; m. Horace Rudd in 1817; removed to Ohio.

19. *Joseph*, b. 7 July, 1792; m. Sarah Sawyer in 1813; settled in Ohio; d. in 1828.

Children of (4) EBENEZER and ABIGAIL WAKEFIELD:—

20. *Polly*, b. 11 March, 1786.

21. *Arethusa*, b. 9 March, 1788.

22. *Ebenezer*, b. 27 July, 1790.
23. *Thomas Lore*, b. 12 April, 1792.
24. *Cope*, b. 4 May, 1794.

6. WILLIAM WAKEFIELD, m. Sally Hosea 17 November, 1786. He d. 9 November, 1826, aged 69. They settled in Amherst. Their children were—

25. *Polly*, b. 2 April, 1790; d. in Reading, Mass., 1 May, 1845.
26. *Nancy*, b. 7 January, 1792; d. 28 June, 1793.
27. *Nancy*, b. 5 October, 1793.
28. *William*; d. 23 July, 1804, aged 6 years and 2 months.
29. *Thomas*; d. 8 October, 1817, aged 17.
30. *Mary*.
31. *Sophia*.

#### WALKER.

1. GEORGE WALKER, of Amherst, m. Sarah Kemp, of Dunstable, Mass., 17 December, 1845. Their children were—

2. *Sarah Emma*, b. 16 June, 1848; d. 19 December, 1854.
3. †*George K.*, b. 17 August, 1850.
4. *Charles M.*, b. 28 January, 1854.

3. GEORGE K. WALKER, b. 17 August, 1850; m. Hattie G. Heald 25 December, 1871; one child—

5. *Gracie May*, b. 6 May, 1874.

#### WALLACE.

Children of (1) WILLIAM and MARY WALLACE—

2. *Joseph*, b. 9 September, 1755.
3. †*John*, b. 20 March, 1757.
4. *Mary*, b. 16 August, 1759.
5. *William*, b. 5 April, 1764.
6. †*James*, b. 17 October, 1766.

3. JOHN WALLACE, b. 20 March, 1757; d. 23 July, 1835; m. Polly Bradford. Their children were—

7. *John, jr.*, b. 28 March, 1781; m. Olive Hutchinson in 1809; was a physician in Milford; d. 4 August, 1837.
8. †*Andrew*, b. 28 March, 1783.
9. *Mary*, b. 13 May, 1785.
10. *Hannah*, b. 25 June, 1787.

- 11. *Asa*, b. 21 August, 1789.
- 12. *Sally Ward*, b. 3 November, 1792.
- 13. *Nancy*, b. 4 June, 1794; m. Dr. Jonas Hutchinson 5 September, 1815.
- 14. *Rebecca*, b. 8 January, 1797.
- 15. *William*, b. 8 March, 1801; was a merchant in Milford.

6. JAMES WALLACE, b. 17 October, 1766; m. (1) Betsey Kimball 19 September, 1786; m. (2) Sophia Tuttle. Their children were—

- 16. *James*, b. 24 August, 1787.
- 17. *Betsey*, b. 5 December, 1788; unmarried.
- 18. *Polly*, b. 5 April, 1791.
- 19. *Royal*.
- 20. *Elisha Fuller*; graduated at Dartmouth College; m. Lydia Wheelwright, of Boston, Mass., 14 November, 1820.
- 21. *Rodney*.
- 22. *Caroline*; m. Abel Lawrence, of Salem, Mass.
- 23. *Jane*; married ———.

8. ANDREW WALLACE, ESQ., son of Dea. John and Polly Wallace, was b. in Amherst, now Milford, 28 March, 1783; d. in Amherst 23 September, 1856; m. Hepsibah Cummings in December, 1820. She was b. in 1794; d. 17 September, 1874. After fitting for the practice of the law, he settled in Mont Vernon, which town he represented one year in the General Court; thence he rem. to Hancock, where he remained until April, 1824, when he received the appointment of Clerk of the Courts in Hillsborough county, and rem. to Amherst, where he spent the remainder of his life. He resumed the practice of the law 1 November, 1839. Their children were—

- 24. *Horace Willard*, b. in Hancock 25 March, 1822; d. 9 October, 1826.
- 25. *Charles Andrew*, b. in Amherst 5 August, 1825; d. 8 March, 1832.
- 26. *Mary Caroline*, b. 30 May, 1828; d. 11 August, 1833.
- 27. *Henry Horatio*, b. 10 January, 1831; d. 18 August, 1833.
- 28. *Mary Caroline*, b. 4 July, 1834; d. 4 January, 1846.
- 29. *Charles Henry*, b. 14 September, 1835; d. 21 June, 1861.

## WALTON.

1. SAMUEL WALTON, of Reading, Mass., m. Hannah Searles, of Wenham, Mass., 22 December, 1702. They settled in Reading. Their children were—

2. *Hannah*, b. 27 November, 1703.
3. †*Samuel*, b. 7 October, 1705.
4. *Sarah*, b. 24 November, 1707.
5. *William*, b. 12 April, 1709.
6. *Moses*, b. 24 May, 1712.
7. *Mary*, b. 12 April, 1716.
8. *Jonathan*, b. 5 January, 1720.

3. SAMUEL WALTON, JR., son of Samuel and Hannah, was b. 17 October, 1705; m. Rebecca Davis, of Reading, 5 March, 1729. He was one of the first settlers in the township of Narraganset No. 3, or Souhegan West, in 1735.

## WARD.

I. WILLIAM WARD was from England, and was one of the early settlers in Sudbury, Mass., where he had lands granted him as early as 1640. His son—

II. JOHN WARD, b. in England in 1626; m. Hannah Jackson about 1650, and settled in Cambridge Village, now Newton, Mass. He was one of the first board of selectmen chosen in New Cambridge, and its first representative in the General Court. He d. 2 July, 1708. She d. 21 April, 1704, aged 73. Their son—

III. RICHARD WARD, b. 15 November, 1666; m. Thankful Trowbridge 15 December, 1690; succeeded his father on the homestead; was selectman, representative, and deacon in the church. He d. 27 March, 1739. She d. in 1742, aged 73. Their son—

IV. EPHRAIM WARD, b. in 1703; m. (1) Mary Stone 6 January, 1732. She d. 10 October, 1732. He m. (2) Mary (Haven) Stone; settled in Newton; was selectman and



deacon. He d. 1 December, 1772. She d. 30 October, 1773, aged 76. Their son—

V. 1. RICHARD WARD, b. in Newton 9 September, 1739; m. Peggy Chandler, of Bedford, 16 September, 1764, and settled in Amherst in what was afterward the north-west parish, now Mont Vernon. Here they continued until February, 1794, when they rem. to Chester, Vt., where he d. 27 December, 1795. She d. in March, 1812. He seems to have taken quite an active part in the formation of the north-west parish in 1780, and was one of the first members of the church formed there. Their children were—

2. *William*, b. in 1765; was a physician; d. in Maine.
3. *Margaret*, b. in 1767; d. in Andover, Vt., in 1841; unmarried.
4. *Mary*, b. 26 July, 1769; m. Caleb Barton, of Chester, Vt., in 1798; d. 26 July, 1799; one child.
5. *Sarah*, b. in 1772; d. in 1792.
6. *Richard*, b. in 1774; m. Hannah Smith in 1798; d. in Chester 6 June, 1832; four children.
7. *Ephraim*, b. in 1777; m. Patty Snow; d. in Canaan, Me.
8. *Zachariah Chandier*, b. in 1781; m. Elizabeth Willard in 1802; d. in Bolton, Warren county, N. Y., 14 August, 1842; eight children.
9. *John*, b. in 1782; m. Sally Lord; res. in Hague, N. Y.
10. *Sally*: m. (1) Jonas Putnam, of Windham, Vt.: both became Mormons. After his decease she m. again and settled in New York.
11. *Thomas*, b. in 1788; m. Rebecca Gerald; res. in Northfield, Vt.; no children.

### WARNER.

1. DANIEL WARNER, with his sons, (2) DANIEL and JOHN, emigrated from England to Massachusetts in 1636, and settled in Ipswich, Mass. Subsequently John rem. to Wethersfield, Conn., where he died.

3. DANIEL WARNER, a grandson of (2) DANIEL, was b. in Ipswich 25 June, 1745; d. in Amherst 20 March, 1813; m. Elizabeth, daughter of John Boardman. She was b. in Ipswich 28 November, 1750; d. 29 March, 1833. They resided in Dunstable some years, but rem. thence to Amherst, near

the close of the war for independence. Col. Warner represented Amherst in the General Court eight years; was lieutenant-colonel, commanding the 5th regiment several years; took the census of Hillsborough county in 1790, 1800 and 1810, and made the surveys of the town and of Mont Vernon for Carrigain's map of the state, which was published in 1816. He was a prominent member and officer of Benevolent Lodge No. 7, F. and A. Masons, and his funeral services were conducted by his brother-craftsmen, Rev. Ephraim P. Bradford officiating as chaplain. The children of Col. Daniel and Mrs. Elizabeth Warner were—

4. *John Boardman*, b. 2 May, 1768; d. 10 September, 1778.
5. *Ebenezer*, b. 11 April, 1770; d. 8 September, 1778.
6. *Daniel*, b. 9 July, 1772; d. 5 October, 1792.
7. *Elizabeth*, b. 25 December, 1774; d. 3 September, 1778.
8. *Sarah*, b. 2 September, 1777; m. Enoch Stevens 23 January, 1797; d. 10 August, 1816.
9. *John*, b. 18 March, 1780; d. 9 December, 1781.
10. *Eliza*, b. 23 December, 1782; m. Henry Fields 2 October, 1802; rem. to Lansingburg, N. Y.; d. 19 February, 1812.
11. *John*, b. 8 February, 1786; was a sergeant in the army and d. at Sackett's Harbor in February, 1814.
12. *Nancy*, b. 30 January, 1789; m. Phineas Whitney; resided for some time in Merrinack; d. 26 November, 1822. Some of her descendants now res. in Mercer, Somerset county, Maine.
13. *Ebenezer*, b. 9 August, 1791.

#### WARREN.

DIMOND WARREN, son of John Warren, was b. in Chelmsford, Mass. He d. in New Boston 20 December, 1857, aged 78; m. Phebe Ellenwood. Their children were—

- Eben*; res. in New Boston.  
*John*; m. Abigail M. Blake in May, 1828; rem. to Lynn, Mass., about 1841.  
*Adeline*; m. John S. Hall, of Merrimack, 22 December, 1839.

#### WASHER.

1. JOHN WASHER, b. in England, came to America at the age of ten years; m. Hannah Wilkins, of Middleton, Mass.,

in March, 1735. She d. in Mont Vernon. They resided in Souhegan West, presently now occupied by William Pratt. Their children were—

2. *Amy* : baptized in 1740 ; m. †Dea. Amherst, now Mont Vernon.

3. †*Stephen* ; published to Sarah Wilkins.

4. *Anna* ; m. Samuel Bradford 17 Dec. 1733 ; d. in Antrim in 1833.

5. *A daughter* ; m. ——— Barton.

6. *A daughter* ; m. ——— Cochran.

7. *Susannah* ; m. †Samuel Dodge.

8. *John* ; d. in 1806.

3. STEPHEN WASHER, son of John Wilkins, of Middleton, in March, 1735. They resided in Pond parish near Middlebury. Their children were—

9. *Solomon* : m. Susannah Bishop 13 March 1751 ; d. in 1806.

10. *Hannah* ; m. Ebenezer Cummings 2 Dec. 1751.

11. *Sally* : became insane ; d. in March 1752.

12. *Patience* ; d. 2 May, 1806, aged 34.

13. *Betsey* ; d. in Chelmsford, Mass., in 1779.

14. †*John*, b. 11 August, 1779.

14. JOHN WASHER, b. 11 August, 1751 ; m. Mary Robertscott 11 August, 1851 ; m. Mary Robertscott 1801. He was for some years engaged in the mercantile business. Their children (the first six b. in Amherst) were—

15. *Ismenia*.

16. *Sarah* : m. ——— Buckman ; res. in Amherst.

17. *Mary Seaton*, b. 18 March, 1806 ; m. John Seaton 14 December, 1824 ; resided in Hollis, Mass., and, in 1843, rem. to Piqua, Ohio, 1882.

18. *Louisa* ; m. Barter Holt ; res. in Concord.

19. *Stephen*.

20. *George E.* : res. in Milford.

21. *John*. }

22. *Peter*. }

23. *Hannah*.

## WATSON.

JOHN WATSON was a resident of Amherst some twenty years. About 1810 he rem. to New York. He d. in Albany in December, 1813, aged 51 years; m. (1) Betsey Stevens 25 June, 1786. She d. 12 December, 1801, aged 35. He m. (2) Lydia Whitney, of Shirley, Mass., 8 January, 1804. Their children were—

*Betsey S.*; d. 4 December, 1787, aged 10 months.

*John W.*; d. 5 February, 1806, aged 4 months.

*John Bowers*; d. 15 November, 1807, aged 4 months.

*Rebecca*; d. 22 February, 1809, aged 1 month.

## WAUGH.

JOSEPH WAUGH was overseer of the town farm several years. His wife, Mrs. Sarah H. Waugh, d. in April, 1830, aged 35. He m. (2) Fanny ———.

## WEBBER.

MISS SUSAN WEBBER, of Bedford, Mass., d. at the residence of Capt. D. Hartshorn 5 September, 1855, aged 45.

## WEBSTER.

JAMES P. WEBSTER, b. in Dracut, Mass., 12 January, 1830; m. Mrs. Sarah C. Farwell. She was b. in Hudson 7 May, 1840. He served one year in the 3d N. H. Vols., for Merrimack. After the close of the war of the Rebellion he settled in Amherst, on the old road near Stickney's mills. Their children were—

*Charles P.*, b. 20 May, 1865; d. 4 July, 1866.

*Lillie A.*, b. 7 January, 1869.

—————  
*Asenath*, wife of John P. Webster, d. 15 April, 1836, aged 37.

## WELLINGTON.

*Dorcas Wellington* d. at the pauper farm in April, 1855.

## WEST.

JOSEPH C. WEST, b. in Salisbury in 1806; d. in Amherst 3 March, 1859; m. Rebecca Pike. She was b. in Amherst in 1817. Their children were—

*Charles E.*, b. 1840.

*George*, b. 1845.

*Henry*, b. 1847.

## WESTON.

I. JOHN WESTON, the ancestor of this family, m. Sarah Fitch, in Reading, Mass., 18 April, 1653. Their children were—

*John*; d. in infancy.

*Elizabeth*.

*Sarah*.

*Samuel*.

*Mary*.

*Stephen*.

*John*.

†*Thomas*.

II. THOMAS WESTON, b. 20 November, 1670; m. Elizabeth ——. She d. 26 June, 1715. They settled in Reading, Mass. Their children were—

†*Ebenezer*, b. 28 January, 1702.

*Elizabeth*, b. 2 April, 1705.

*Josiah*, b. 6 July, 1708.

III. 1. EBENEZER WESTON, b. in Reading, 28 January, 1702; m. Mehitable, daughter of Isaac Sutherick, 29 November, 1726. She was b. in October, 1706. They settled in Souhegan West about 1752. Their children were—

2. *Mehitable*, b. 27 November, 1727; m. †Timothy Nichols.

3. *Elizabeth*, b. 6 October, 1729; m. —Larrabee.

4. †*Ebenezer*, b. 10 February, 1731.

5. *Ann*, b. 31 March, 1734; d. 3 September, 1751; unmarried.

6. †*Daniel*, b. 11 October, 1735.

7. *Hepsibah*, b. 11 June, 1738; d. at an advanced age; unm.

8. *Sarah*, b. 7 September, 1740; d. 22 September, 1751.

9. *Judith*, b. 3 June, 1742; d. 31 August, 1751.

10. †*Thomas*, b. 26 June, 1744; m. Ruth Tuttle.

11. *Isaac*, b. 11 May, 1746; m. Hannah Cole.

12. *Tabitha*, b. 31 March, 1748; m. (1) †Daniel Wilkins, jr.; m. (2) †Jesse Baldwin; m. (3) †Lt. Joseph Farnum; d. in Mont Vernon in January, 1820. She was grandmother of GEN. JOHN A. DIX, of New York.

13. †*Sutherick*, b. 19 November, 1751; m. Sarah Lancy.

IV. 4. EBENEZER WESTON, JR., b. in Reading 10 February, 1731; d. in Amherst 22 December, 1805; m. (1) *Esther* Taylor, of Dunstable, Mass. She d. 28 June, 1767; m. (2) *Lucy* Richardson, of Litchfield. She d. in May, 1813. Their children were—

14. *Esther*, b. 9 September, 1759; d. 28 October, 1760.

15. †*Ebenezer*, b. 25 July, 1761.

16. *Esther*, b. 7 July, 1763; m. Archelaus Towne, jr., 22 September, 1787.

17. *Jesse*, b. 2 September, 1765; d. 25 March, 1767.

18. †*Jesse*, b. 21 June, 1767.

19. *Daniel*, b. 9 February, 1770; d. 27 February, 1773.

20. *Lucy*, b. 27 February, 1773; m. †Ebenezer Taylor.

21. †*Daniel*, b. 19 August, 1774.

V. 15. EBENEZER WESTON, 3d, b. 25 July, 1761; m. (1) *Eliza* Hildreth 18 November, 1784. She d. 18 July, 1799. He m. (2) *Sarah* Herrick 1 January, 1800. She was b. 28 February, 1778; d. 22 June, 1857. He d. 12 June, 1846. He was a farmer in the south-easterly part of the town, near the Souhegan river. Their children were—

22. *Ebenezer*, b. 24 August, 1785; m. *Jane* Boyd 17 November, 1812; removed to Maine; d. at Bangor 1 September, 1859.

23. *Elizabeth*, b. 30 January, 1788; d. 18 June, 1847; unmarried.

24. *Sarson*, b. 5 February, 1792; m. *Nancy* Weston 4 June, 1821; d. at Nashua 23 April, 1837.

25. *Rebecca Fletcher*, b. 26 October, 1800; m. *James* Bell 28 September, 1826.

26. *Daniel*, b. 14 July, 1805; d. 20 August, 1872.

27. †*William J.*, b. 16 July, 1810.

V. 21. DANIEL WESTON, b. 19 August, 1774; d. 5 September, 1818; m. *Arethusa*, daughter of Dea. Samuel Wilkins, 20 October, 1799. She was b. 1 May, 1775; d. at

North Andover, Mass., 9 November, 1852. Their children were—

28. *Samuel Wilkins*, b. 27 July, 1800; m. *Polly Gould* 28 December, 1821. She was b. at Boxford, Mass., 21 January, 1803; d. 9 March, 1879. They settled in Middleton, Mass., where he d. 9 July, 1853.

29. *Daniel Franklin*, b. 28 December, 1801; was a merchant in Boston; drowned near Nahant 12 June, 1832; unmarried.

30. *Charles*, b. 14 May, 1803; d. 22 February, 1870; m. *Mary Dean Ward* 25 November, 1829. She was b. 20 June, 1806; d. in August, 1878. They resided in Salem, Mass., where he was engaged in a tannery.

31. *Ebenezer Hamilton*, b. 30 April, 1805; d. 7 March, 1806.

32. *Sarah Farwell*, b. 22 November, 1806; d. in North Conway 13 February, 1882; m. *Willard Russell* 20 September, 1830. He was b. in 1805; d. in Middleton in 1874.

33. *Abigail Frances*, b. 30 September, 1808; d. 7 July, 1846; m. *Abijah Fuller* 14 December, 1826. He was b. in 1801; d. in 1878. They settled in Middleton.

34. *Ebenezer Hamilton*, b. 26 February, 1810; m. *Sarah A. Wyman* in 1835. They res. in Belmont, Mass. He is a noted musician and a member of the Boston Brass Band.

35. *Robert*, b. 12 May, 1812; d. 20 November, 1882; m. *Sarah Welman* in 1840. She d. in January, 1863; res. in Middleton, Mass. He suffered from paralysis many years.

36. *William Henry*, b. 11 October, 1813; d. 17 August, 1815.

VI. 27. *WILLIAM J. WESTON*, b. 16 July, 1810; d. 1 October, 1863; m. *Elizabeth B. Towne* 14 February, 1850. They settled on the Weston homestead. Their children were—

37. *James F.*, b. 19 October, 1851.

38. *Clara A.*, b. 29 July, 1854.

39. *Lizzie M.*, b. 12 July, 1856.

40. *Hattie E.*, b. 13 November, 1858.

41. *Will L.*, b. 12 September, 1860.

42. *Fannie E.*, b. 24 July, 1862.

IV. 6. *DANIEL WESTON*, b. 11 October, 1735; m. *Mary Hartshorn* 20 April, 1762. Their children were—

43. *Judith*, b. 30 March, 1763; m. †*John Carleton*.

44. *Daniel*, b. 8 July, 1764; d. young.

45. *Mary*, b. 20 February, 1766; m. Daniel Merrill 24 April, 1788.

46. *David*, b. 18 October, 1767.

IV. 13. SUTHERICK WESTON, b. at Reading, Mass., 19 November, 1751; d. at Antrim 11 May, 1831; m. Mary Lancy, of Amherst, 20 January, 1779. She d. 4 August, 1838, aged 82. They rem. to Antrim in 1786. He was a soldier at Bunker Hill, and was one of the prisoners taken by the British and Indians at the Cedars, where he was inhumanly treated by his captors. Their children were—

47. *Mary L.*, b. 12 November, 1780; m. Daniel Moore, of Bedford; d. at Montpelier, Vt.

48. *Sutherick*, b. 8 March, 1783; m. Sarah S. McAuley 30 May, 1808; settled in Antrim, but rem. to Nashua in 1838. He d. 30 May, 1850.

49. *Rebecca*, b. 24 April, 1785; d. in Hancock 25 December, 1841; unmarried.

50. *Sophia*, b. in October, 1786; d. in childhood.

51. *Leonard*, b. 10 October, 1791; m. Alma Wright in 1818; settled in Phelps, N. J.; rem. to Michigan in 1840; d. in 1855.

52. *Sophia*, b. 20 October, 1794; m. Capt. William Gregg, of Antrim, 7 February, 1814; settled in Antrim; rem. to Nashua in 1837; d. 29 June, 1844.

53. *Lancy*, b. 11 November, 1800; d. in December, 1877; m. Elizabeth Moore, of Bedford; res. at first in Antrim; rem. to Bedford in 1847, thence they rem. to Mount Clemens, Mich., in 1850.

IV. 10. THOMAS WESTON, b. in Reading 26 June, 1744; m. Ruth Tuttle about 1769. They settled in the north-west part of the town, now Mont Vernon. Their children were—

54. *Ruth*, b. 17 November, 1769.

55. †*Thomas, jr.*, b. 20 January, 1773.

56. *Sarah*, b. in 1776; d. 17 March, 1777.

57. *Sarah*, b. 21 July, 1779.

V. 55. THOMAS WESTON, JR., b. 20 January, 1773; d. 22 November, 1840; m. Lucy Wilkins in 1795; settled in Mont Vernon. Their children were—

58. *Ira*, b. 18 February, 1796; m. Miriam Chellis in 1825.

59. *Lucy*, b. 7 September, 1799.



- 60. *John*, b. 13 September, 1801.
- 61. *Thomas*, b. 27 October, 1803; killed by lightning 30 May, 1810.
- 62. *Jason*, b. 17 May, 1805; m. *Eliza Wilkins* in 1832.
- 63. *Langdell*, b. 24 March, 1808; d. 16 March, 1814.
- 64. *Sarah*, b. 12 September, 1810; m. *Elbridge G. Fairfield* in 1834.
- 65. *Abigail Tarbell*, b. 13 October, 1813; d. 27 March, 1814.
- 66. *Abigail Tuttle*, b. 4 March, 1815; m. *Nathan F. Richardson* in 1840.

IV. 11. ISAAC WESTON, b. in Reading 11 May, 1746 m. *Hannah Cole*. She d. 1 June, 1831, aged 80. Their children were—

- 67. †*John*, b. 17 July, 1775; m. *Abigail Haseltine* 27 September 1802.
- 68. *Hannah*, b. in 1777; m. *Daniel L. Herrick* 15 November 1801.
- 69. *Betsey*, b. in 1779; m. *Benjamin Durant*.
- 70. *Susannah*, b. in 1781.
- 71. †*Isaac*, b. 27 November, 1784; m. *Mehitable Batchelder*.
- 72. *Luther*, b. in 1785; d. in infancy.
- 73. *Luther*, b. in 1787; d. about 1808.

V. 71. ISAAC WESTON, JR., b. 27 November, 1784; d. 2 January, 1869; m. *Mehitable Batchelder* 20 August, 1812. She was b. 25 August, 1788; d. 18 April, 1871. He resided in Pond parish near the great pond. Their children were—

- 74. †*Isaac Plumer*, b. 20 December, 1812.
- 75. *Luther*, b. 30 May, 1816; d. at Kenton, Ohio; m. *Eliza J. Bates* of Wilton, in November, 1838; rem. to Ohio; four children.
- 76. *Mehitable J.*, b. 9 October, 1818; m. *John C. Putnam* in November, 1843.

VI. 74. ISAAC PLUMER WESTON, b. 20 December, 1812 d. 23 January, 1879; m. *Mary J. Howard*. They resided on the farm formerly occupied by his father. Their children were—

- 77. *Caroline F.*, b. 14 March, 1836; m. *Charles W. Temple*, of Milford, 15 November, 1855.
- 78. *Martin P.*, b. 20 July, 1838; d. at Fort Simmons, Md., 11 January, 1865.

79. *Luther*, b. 14 November, 1839; m. Louisa S. Straw, of Nashua, in November, 1862.

80. *Emeline*, b. 20 July, 1841; d. 23 January, 1859. She was to have been married on the week of her death.

81. *Helen M.*, b. 2 August, 1843; m. John M. Eaton 4 August, 1862.

82. *Arabella*, b. 12 July, 1845.

83. *George W.*, b. 28 December, 1847.

84. *Marietta*, b. 14 August, 1850; m. James A. Carr, of Milford, 27 January, 1870.

85. *Georgianna A.*, b. 8 April, 1852; m. George S. Eaton 23 September, 1869.

V. 18. **JESSE WESTON**, b. 21 June, 1767; d. in October, 1827; m. (1) Anna Hartshorn. She d. 12 August, 1820. He m. (2) Abigail Read 4 January, 1821. She d. in April, 1842. Their children were—

86. *Nancy*, b. 3 September, 1792; m. Sarson Weston 4 June, 1821.

87. *Mary*, b. 31 August, 1794; m. Milo Brown.

88. *Esther*, b. 7 April, 1796; m. Alpheus Gates 27 July, 1821.

89. *David*, b. 22 March, 1798; m. Hannah Melvin 8 August, 1827.

90. *Jesse Kendall*, b. in January, 1800; m. Sophia Andrews in October, 1821.

91. *Sarah*, b. in March, 1802; d. in Nashua in 1878; unmarried.

92. *Lucy Taylor*, b. 22 April, 1804; m. Lemuel Towne.

93. *Abigail Eaton*, b. 6 April, 1806; m. Haskel Colburn in 1832.

94. *Eliza*, b. 7 April, 1808; m. H. A. Matteson in 1838.

95. *Eben Hartshorn*, b. 2 April, 1810; m. Aurelia J. Crowell 19 October, 1842.

96. *George*, b. in June, 1811; d. in June, 1812.

97. *Augusta*.

98. *Angeline*.

99. *George*; d. in infancy.

V. 67. **JOHN WESTON**, b. 17 July, 1775; was killed by the fall of a millstone. He m. Abigail Haseltine 27 September, 1802. Their children were—

100. *Hannah*.

103. *Abigail*.

101. *James*; res. in Lowell, Mass.

104. *Mary*.

102. *Thirsa*.

105. **JOHN WESTON**; m. Sarah Boutell 12 March, 1798. She d. 18 August, 1843, aged 71. Their children were—

106. *Liberty*, b. 3 November, 1795.

107. *Equity*, b. 13 October, 1796.

### WETHERBEE.

WILLIAM WETHERBEE, Esq., a native of Walpole, resided in town some years. He was Register of Deeds for Hillsborough County, and represented the town in the General Court. He d. 18 May, 1878, aged 80 years.

*Annie E.*; his only child, d. unm. 31 August, 1857, aged 26.

### WHEELER.

1. TIMOTHY WHEELER d. 28 November, 1826, aged 77; m. Betsey Nevins in 1773. She d. in October, 1815, aged 65. They lived near Babboosuck pond, on the farm since occupied by their son, John N. Wheeler. Their children were—

2. †*Timothy*, b. 12 January, 1774.

3. *Simeon*; d. 6 February, 1803, aged 25.

4. *Nathan*; m. Huldah Wilkins, 25 November, 1807.

5. *William N.*; m. Mary Odell, 30 July, 1803; d. at Plymouth.

6. †*Daniel*, b. 26 October, 1789.

7. †*John N.*, b. in May, 1791.

8. †*Jonathan*.

9. *Mary*; m. Peregrine Nichols, of Merrimack.

10. *Betsey*; died young.

11. *Rebecca*; m. (1) Jacob McIntire 31 December, 1807; m. (2) ——— Spalding, of Chelmsford.

12. *Joseph*; d. February, 1806.

2. TIMOTHY WHEELER, JR., b. 12 January, 1774; d. 5 February, 1853; m. Betsey Peacock in 1802. She was b. 29 September, 1778; d. 5 August, 1855. He was a farmer, and lived on the Hollis road near the town line. Their children were—

13. †*Timothy*, 3d, b. 28 September, 1803.

14. *Nathan*, b. 29 May, 1805; m. Hannah Wheeler 26 November, 1850; d. 21 October, 1864; Hannah, his wife, d. October, 1856; no children.

15. *William*, b. 17 January, 1807; m. and settled in Peoria, Ill.; d. there 19 April, 1849; 2 children—both dead.

16. *Eri C.*, b. 17 April, 1803; m. Hannah Holt, of Hollis, 10 September, 1833; settled in Milford. Children—

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| 1. Mary Jane. | 3. Emeline F. |
| 2. Alma F.    | 4. Isabel.    |

17. †*Porter*, b. 8 February, 1812.

18. *Betsey*, b. 9 April, 1814; m. Reid Dutton 4 April, 1844. Five children—

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| 1. Andrew J.  | 4. Eliza A. |
| 2. Ernest R.  | 5. Frank P. |
| 3. Miranda W. |             |

19. *Gardner G.*, b. 17 June, 1816; d. 22 May, 1855; m. (1) Irene Follansbee, of Merrimack; m. (2) Tabitha Brown 21 December, 1849. She d. November, 1847, aged 29.

13. TIMOTHY WHEELER, 3D, b. 28 September, 1803; d. 24 December, 1878; m. Mercy Foster 17 April, 1833. She d. 23 January, 1859, aged 59. Their children were—

20. *Foster*, b. 6 May, 1834; m.; res. in Wheeler, Cha's Mix Co., Dakota; 2 children.

21. *Charles*, b. 22 November, 1835; m.; res. in Hudson. Bates Co., Missouri; 1 child.

22. *Henry*, b. 2 November, 1838; m. Frances E. Kimball, of Hooksett, 11 April, 1861; res. in Amherst, on the farm formerly owned by Jonathan Hildreth; 1 daughter, Mary E. Wheeler.

17. PORTER WHEELER. b. 8 February, 1812; d. 23 November, 1870; m. Mary Holt 22 April, 1841; res. in Amherst. Their children were—

23. *Freeman B.*, b. 22 March, 1842; died young.

24. *Harriet N.*, b. 6 September, 1846; m. Alfred P. Keyes 22 September, 1866; res. in Nashua, and have three children.

25. *Charles P.*, b. 13 October, 1849; m. Georgia F. Holt, 25 September, 1873; res. in Amherst; have one daughter.

6. DANIEL WHEELER, b. 25 March, 1789; d. (from the effects of a fall) 10 December, 1867; m. Martha G. Aiken in October, 1816. She was b. in Deering 26 March, 1798; d. 5 August, 1877. They settled on the farm now occu-

pied by F. A. Noyes, east of the great pond near Merrimack line. Their children were—

26. *Rodney*, b. 2 October, 1817; d. (accidentally shot) 19 April, 1834.  
27. *Martha G.*, b. 5 November, 1819; m. Asa K. Emery 5 December 1849.

28. *Daniel F.*, b. 2 August, 1821; m. Roxanna Caldwell in February, 1850. He d. (drowned) 15 August, 1868.

29. *Alfred*, b. in September, 1823; d. 28 May, 1825.

30. *Alfred*, b. 4 September, 1825; m. Sarah J. Morgan in February, 1857.

31. *Catherine S.*, b. 22 February, 1827; d. 7 February, 1877; m. Justin Spear in May, 1857.

32. *Henry A.*, b. 28 July, 1829; d. 15 September, 1846.

33. *Mary E.*, b. 8 October, 1831; m. Calvin Merrill in May, 1856.

34. *John E.*, b. 9 September, 1833; graduated at Amherst (Mass.) College in 1857; m. Clara G. Martin in August, 1880. He is a clergyman.

35. *Abbie M.*, b. 30 June, 1835.

36. *Frances R.*, b. 18 March, 1838..

37. *Harry R.*, b. 22 February, 1841; m. (1) Nettie A. Mills 11 May, 1864; m. (2) Nellie S. Jaquith 16 January, 1870. He is a printer in Nashua.

7. JOHN NEVINS WHEELER, b. in May, 1791; d. 29 November, 1859; m. Nancy Rhoads 11 December, 1814. Their children were—

38. *Abigail R.*, b. 16 March, 1815; m. Calvin Prince in May, 1835; res. in Amherst.

39. *Lucinda R.*, b. 12 April, 1817; m. (1) Eli S. Gutterson, of Amherst, in December, 1842. He d. 19 May, 1863. She m. (2) Robert Hall; res. in Londonderry.

40. *Nancy E.*, b. 30 March, 1819; m. Robert Hall in July, 1843. She d. in Londonderry 15 February, 1868.

41. *Harriet E.*, b. 13 March, 1821; m. (1) Joseph Mace, of Amherst, 23 November, 1837. He died 2 June, 1864. She m. (2) David Hutchinson, of Milford.

42. *Mary F.*, b. 22 February, 1823; m. Philip S. Barrett, of Amherst, 22 January, 1847.

8. JONATHAN WHEELER m. Martha Beals 29 November, 1815. He d. in March, 1844, aged 49. Their children were—

43. *Jonathan B.*, b. 18 October, 1816.  
44. *Hannah*, b. 12 March, 1819.  
45. *Fanny*, b. 19 April, 1823; d. in September, 1826.  
46. *Joseph N.*, b. 25 April, 1827.  
47. *George Nelson*, b. 2 May, 1830; m. *Mary W. Hill*, of Ogdensburgh, N. Y., 1 June, 1852. He was Sergeant in Co. D, 10th N. H. Vols., and d. at Fortress Monroe 23 August, 1864, leaving one son—  
George Henry, b. in Amherst 14 November, 1858.  
48. *William N.*, b. 21 February, 1832.  
49. *Samuel Dexter*, b. 23 May, 1835.  
50. *Rhoda Ann*, b. 5 May, 1838; m. Burt Emerson. She d. in Chelmsford, Mass., in 1880.

51. ISAAC WHEELER, b. 26 February, 1781; d. 20 June, 1870; m. (1) Sarah Dodge 9 June, 1803; m. (2) Abigail ——. She d. 2 July, 1844, aged 56; m. (3) Eliza Hildreth. One child—

52. *Maria*; d. 23 January, 1833, aged 18 years.

53. CHARLES S. WHEELER, son of (4) Nathan and Huldah (Wilkins) Wheeler, b. in 1820; d. 13 January, 1867. He carried on the business of a carpenter and house-builder in Amherst several years. He was a skillful workman and a good citizen. His widow, Mary G. Wheeler, d. in Lowell, Mass., 12 August, 1875, aged 60. Their children were—

54. *Marion M.*, b. in 1849; m. George E. Merrill 1 November, 1880.  
55. *Harriet A.*, b. in 1851.  
56. *George Henry*, b. in 1856; d. 10 December, 1859.  
57. *Abby J.*, b. in 1859.

58. JOHN WHEELER m. Rebecca Bills 16 December, 1806. He died 14 January, 1834, aged 51. She d. 1 September, 1857, aged 70. Of their children—

59. *John H.*; d. 17 June, 1816, aged 7 years.  
60. *Mahala*; d. 4 April, 1814, aged 2 years.

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*Mrs. Lydia Wheeler*, mother of Isaac Wheeler, d. 23 July, 1846, aged 85 years.

*Nathan Wheeler* d. 21 October, 1864, aged 59 years.

*Rhoda Wheeler* d. 3 August, 1864.

*Hannah J. Wheeler* d. 27 February, 1839, aged 20.

*George Wheeler*, a native of Amherst, d. 10 October, 1876, aged 68.

*Zenas Wheeler* d. in Canton, Mass., 15 May, 1876, aged 84.

*Nathan Wheeler*, formerly of Amherst, d. in Boston, Mass., 27 December, 1871, aged 62.

*John Wheeler* d. 12 May, 1817, aged 58.

*Biah*, wife of John Wheeler, d. 15 March, 1814, aged 53.

### WHITE.

1. JONATHAN WHITE, b. 17 March, 1792; d. in Goffstown 12 May, 1876; m. Sally B. Goss 1 January, 1818. She was b. 8 May, 1796; d. 15 January, 1878. Mr. White was for some years a resident of Amherst, and engaged in the manufacture of Machine cards in company with Dea. David Holmes. The children of Jonathan and Sally White were—

2. *James Whitney*, b. 2 July, 1818; m. (1) Almira Jenks in January, 1843; m. (2) Harriet Fowler; res. in Hanover, Ill.

3. *Elizabeth*, b. 25 July, 1821; m. Rev. Alexander Fairley 16 February, 1832; res. in Washington, D. C.

4. *Ann Mary*, b. 1 June, 1823; m. Frederick A. Brown 18 November, 1847; d. in Boston, Mass., 21 December, 1852.

5. *Jonathan*, b. 7 February, 1825; d. 29 August, 1826.

6. *William*, b. 31 December, 1826; d. 19 December, 1831.

7. *William*, b. 31 December, 1831; d. 24 March, 1839.

8. *Frederick H.*, b. 6 February, 1838; d. 29 July, 1839.

9. *Sarah*: m. (1) Frank D. Keirt 23 July, 1848; m. (2) Person C. Cheney 29 May, 1859; res. in Manchester.

10. *Jonathan*: m. (1) Ellen Ireganown 12 September, 1855; m. (2) Arvilda Lightener 25 August, 1874; res. in Hanover, Ill.

11. *Charles Goss*; m. Rachel Montgomery in 1860; res. in Hanover, Illinois.

12. *Agnes R.*; m. Josiah Laselle 30 October, 1860; res. in Goffstown Center.

### WHITING.

1. NATHANIEL WHITING, b. in Dedham, Mass., 7 November, 1779; d. 30 October, 1843; m. Nancy Richardson 1 April, 1804. She was b. 19 September, 1780; d. 14 April,

1858. They rem. to Washington (N. H.) in 1811, thence to Amherst in March, 1818, where they settled on the farm formerly occupied by Henry Kimball. Their children were—

2. *Clarissa*, b. 28 April, 1806; m. Asa E. Clark, of Sherborn, Mass., 9 October, 1828; d. 11 January, 1873.

3. †*Benjamin Billings*, b. 1 October, 1813.

4. *Nancy*, b. 4 October, 1815; m. Jeremiah R. Hawes, of Sherborn, 11 May, 1847.

5. *Alfred*, b. 18 September, 1817; m. Mary S. Harris 21 October, 1841.

6. *John Fuller*, b. 19 March, 1822; m. (1) Eliza J. Wiley, of Wakefield, Mass., 18 May, 1848; m. (2) Helen M. Putnam 28 November, 1861. She d. 29 November, 1868. He m. (3) Lovilla M. Boutell, of Melrose, 19 January, 1871.

3. BENJAMIN BILLINGS WHITING, b. in Washington 1 October, 1813; m. (1) Lucy Jane Noyes 26 January, 1843. She d. 25 February, 1855. He m. (2) Mrs. Minday S. Peaslee, of Bradford, 24 August, 1855. She was b. in Washington 4 October, 1815. He settled on the farm occupied by his father, on which he made many improvements. Their children were—

7. *Martha Ellen*, b. 27 June, 1847; m. John Story in June, 1878.

8. *Benjamin Franklin*, b. 13 April, 1849; d. 11 October, 1851.

9. *Mary Sabrina*, b. 10 October, 1852.

10. *Benjamin Franklin*, b. 30 April, 1856; m. Bessie P. Fuller 2 April, 1881.

11. *Hannah Jane*, b. 13 April, 1859; m. Joseph H. Drucker 13 March, 1879.

12. *Helen Putnam*, b. 10 May, 1864.

13. *John*, b. 17 October, 1868.

14. *Anna Clementine*, b. 28 May, 1870.

15. *Harvey*, b. 4 September, 1872.

16. *Florence Beatrice*, b. 4 August, 1876.

JOHN and ELIZABETH WHITING. Their children were—

*Miriam*, b. 20 April, 1775.

*Abigail*, b. 6 November, 1780.

*Elizabeth*, b. 20 August, 1778.

*Benjamin*, b. 13 February, 1783.



IRA and UNITY WHITING. Their children were—

*Lewis Fales*, b. 1 February, 1820.

*Elizabeth Eaton*, b. 12 June, 1825.

SAMUEL WHITING m. Anstress Barker 31 March, 1795.  
He d. 24 March, 1805, aged 42. Their children were—

*Anstress*; d. 5 August, 1803, aged 8 months.

*Mary*; d. 23 April, 1805, aged 4 months.

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*Capt. Thomas Whiting* d. 16 December, 1801, aged 27.

*Jonathan Whiting* d. 17 December, 1802, aged 24.

### WHITNEY.

AARON WHITNEY was a blacksmith, and carried on his business in Amherst, where he was a prominent citizen for sometime. About April, 1819, he rem. to Maine. He d. in Calais, Me., 16 February, 1845, aged 74; m. (1) Phebe Duncklee 16 November, 1797. She d. 31 January, 1800, aged 21. He m. (2) Olive ——. Their children were—

*Levi*, b. 7 July, 1798.

*Mark*, } d. 22 February, 1807.  
*Luke*, } b. 2 January, 1800;

*Aaron*, b. 15 December, 1801.

*Olive*, b. 15 May, 1805.

### WHITTEMORE.

*Robert Davis*, child of David Whittemore, was b. 25 May, 1806.

### WIGGIN.

NOAH GREELEY WIGGIN was a hatter by trade and carried on business in Amherst some years; rem. to Bath, Me., where he d. 13 October, 1813; m. Matilda Hutchins, sister of Abel Hutchins, of Concord. She was b. in Concord 11 September, 1777; brought up in the family of Col. Timothy Dix, of Boscawen, and d. in Concord 4 February, 1819. Their children were—

*A child*, b. 15 October, 1800; d. in infancy.  
*Timothy Dix*, b. 25 September, 1801; d. 21 November, 1846.  
*Caroline*, b. 30 March, 1804; d. 6 December, 1808.  
*Margaret Sargent*, b. 29 October, 1806.  
*Matilda Greeley*, b. 2 February, 1809; d. 14 October, 1850.  
*Sarah Greeley Hutchins*, b. 9 July, 1811; d. in July, 1840.

## WILEY.

ROBERT WILEY m. Sally Ray 19 September, 1793. He d. 26 October, 1822, aged 52. Their children were—

*Robert Cochran*, b. 26 March, 1796.  
*Sabrina*, b. 3 April, 1798.  
*Sarah*, b. 11 September, 1802; m. George Nichols in 1826; d. in Charlestown, Mass., in March, 1829, aged 26.  
*Lucy*, b. 14 June, 1805.  
*George H.*, b. 18 September, 1814.

JOHN WILEY m. Betsey Elliott 12 November, 1807. He d. 8 March, 1839, aged 51. She d. in Lancaster, Mass., 22 October, 1861, aged 78. Their children were—

*A son*; d. in March, 1814, aged 2 years.  
*Martha J.*; d. 4 May, 1870, aged 55.

GEORGE WILEY m. Sarah Hartshorn 8 December, 1761. Their daughter—

*Sarah*, was b. 31 August, 1763.

*Robert, Agnes, Susannah, John and Jonathan Wiley* were placed under the guardianship of James Miller 20 December, 1785. They were, probably, children of George Wiley.

John Wiley and Dorcas Abbott were m. 7 August, 1752.

## WILKINS.

BRAY WILKINS was authorized by the general court of Massachusetts, 6 September, 1638, to erect a house and keep a ferry at Neponset river, and have a penny for each person carried over.

About 1660 Wilkins and John Gingle bought a large farm at Will's hill, adjoining Reading, which had been granted to Gov. Richard Bellingham about twenty years

before. With the assistance of his sons he soon paid his share of the purchase money, and afterward bought and paid for his partner's share of the farm. From this tract he sold several lots, and afterward added others, so that finally his farm extended two miles in length, along Reading line, and comprised about seven hundred acres of land, on which the patriarch and his children dwelt with their families. There he d. an "ancient man" 1 January, 1702, at the age of 92 years. The farm, at his request, was annexed to Salem, and, upon the incorporation of Middleton, Mass., became a part of that town.

This family furnished one of the victims of the Salem witchcraft. On the Salem record of deaths we find the following:

"Daniel Wilkins, bewitched to death May 16, 1692, aged 17."

The families in Amherst bearing the name of Wilkins are all descended from Bray Wilkins, the Patriarch of Will's Hill, Middleton, Mass.

1. REV. DANIEL WILKINS, the first minister of the town, probably a great-grandson of Bray, and a son of John and Abigail Wilkins, was baptized 18 May, 1710; m. Sarah Fuller, of Middleton, 9 September, 1736; settled in Souhegan West about 1740; d. 11 February, 1784. She d. 23 April, 1790. Their children were—

2. *Francis*; d. 8 November, 173—. (Copied from grave-stone. Part of the inscription is illegible.)

3. †*John*, b. in 1740; d. in Ohio.

4. †*Samuel*, b. 8 January, 1742.

5. †*Daniel*; d. in the army in 1776.

6. *Abigail*, b. 6 August, 1745; m. †William Peabody, Esq.

7. †*Jonathan*; a Revolutionary soldier.

8. *William Henry*; d. in the army at Yellow Springs, Penn., in 1778.

9. *Andrew*; d. 13 September, 1753.

10. *Sarah*; d. 27 May, 1756.

11. †*Andrew*, b. in 1761; m. Lucy Blanchard.

3. JOHN WILKINS, baptized in 1740; d. at Athens, Ohio, in 1808; graduated at Harvard College in 1764, in the class with Gov. Strong, of Massachusetts, standing the eighteenth in a class of forty-six. He m. Lucy Nichols, a sister of Gen. Moses Nichols, in 1769. She was b. at Reading 11 February, 1743-4; d. at Athens, Ohio, in 1807. He is said to have been the first store-keeper in Amherst. About 1798 they rem. to Ohio and settled first at Middleton on the Hockhocking river, thence they rem. to Athens where, they died. Their children were—

12. *Sally*; m. John Dennison, of Amherst; d. in Pennsylvania in 1798, while on her way to Ohio, leaving one son, who settled with his uncle Timothy, in St. Louis.

13. *Lucy*; m. Daniel Withee; settled in Ohio; d. 9 July, 1835, leaving several children.

14. *Rebecca*, b. in 1784; m. ——— Johnson; settled in Ohio and left several children.

15. *Timothy*; settled in St. Louis and d. there, leaving children.

4. DEA. SAMUEL WILKINS, b. 8 January, 1742; d. 27 December, 1832, aged 90; m. (1) Abigail Farwell 28 February, 1769. She was b. 1 April, 1747; d. 4 February, 1786. He m. (2) Dorcas Towne 24 November, 1788. She was b. 10 November, 1755; d. 4 July, 1839. Their children were—

16. *Frances*, b. 24 February, 1770; d. 16 November, 1820; unm.

17. *Abigail*, b. 30 April, 1773; m. †Thaddeus Kendall, of Mont Vernon, 13 November, 1808. They were the parents of George Wilkins Kendall, of the *New Orleans Picayune*. She d. at Mobile, Alabama, 27 September, 1853.

18. *Arethusa*, b. 1 May, 1775; m. †Daniel Weston, of Amherst.

19. *Sarah Farwell*, b. 20 May, 1777; m. ——— Eaton; d. about 1801.

20. *Sophia*, b. 16 September, 1779; m. Solomon Wilkins, of Middleton, Mass., 14 November, 1815; d. at Middleton 5 April, 1861; no children.

21. *Rebecca*, b. 14 April, 1781; m. David R. Clark, of New Boston, 27 June, 1816; d. at Charlestown, Mass., in April, 1848.

22. *Samuel*, b. 16 April, 1783; is supposed to have perished in the theater, at Richmond, Va., 26 December, 1811.

23. *Mary*, b. 5 July, 1785; d. in infancy.

24. *Daniel*, b. 13 October, 1789; d. 6 June, 1847; unmarried.

25. †*Thomas*, b. 25 May, 1792.

26. †*John Hubbard*, b. 10 December, 1794.

5. CAPT. DANIEL WILKINS d. in the army at Chimney Point, N. Y., in July, 1776. He m. Tabitha Weston. She d. in Mont Vernon in December, 1819. He was first lieutenant in Capt. Crosby's company on Bunker Hill, and captain of a company composed largely of Amherst men, in Col. Bedel's regiment, which was surrendered to the British and Indians at the "Cedars," in May, 1776. He d. of disease shortly after his exchange. The children of Capt. Daniel and Tabitha Wilkins were—

27. *Daniel*, b. 31 October, 1769; settled in Claremont.

28. *Abigail*, b. 28 May, 1772; m. Timothy Dix, of Boscawen, 22 March, 1792. GEN. JOHN ADAMS DIX, late governor of New York, was one of their children. She d. at Boscawen 3 December, 1808.

29. *Tabitha*, b. 28 October, 1774; m. (1) Thomas Gilmore; (2) John Carleton, of Mont Vernon. She d. at South Marlow 16 September, 1848.

7. JONATHAN WILKINS was a soldier in the Revolution. He also served on board the armed ship *Hague*, and was wounded in a battle with a British vessel. He d. at Mont Vernon 18 April, 1824, aged 75 years. Susannah, his first wife, d. 23 December, 1778, aged 30. Their children were—

30. *Polly*; m. ——— Blanchard.

31. *David G.*; res. at Addison, Vt.

32. *Jonathan*; res. at Goffstown.

33. *Samuel*; res. at New Albany, Ind.

34. *Robert*; res. at Jaffrey.

35. *James*, b. 15 December, 1781; was apprenticed to James McKean, of Amherst, whence he took the name of McKean. He rem. to Maine with Mr. McKean, where his education was neglected. When he returned to Amherst, at the age of 19, he was unable to read or write. Determined to have an education, he applied himself vigorously to

study, fitted for college, graduated at Dartmouth in 1812, read law with Hon. Daniel Abbot, of Dunstable, and practiced many years in Bedford and Manchester. He served as representative, senator, and councillor, and d. at Manchester 18 January, 1855, unmarried.

11. ANDREW WILKINS was a private in the company commanded by his brother, Daniel, at the "Cedars," in May, 1776. He m. Lucy Blanchard and rem. to Detroit, Mich., where he d. 10 September, 1819. Their children were—

36. *William Henry*, b. 28 October, 1780; resided in Burlington, Vt.; d. at St. Albans, Vt., 22 December, 1854.

37. *Lucy Jane*; m. and went to California.

38. *Eleazer Blanchard*; settled in Watertown, N. Y., and d. there.

39. *Samuel Andrew*; resided in Vermont; d. at Washington, D. C.

40. *Daniel*; was a lawyer in Chicago.

41. *Abigail Clarissa*; m. Timothy Eastman, of Plymouth.

42. *Nancy Trefethen*.

43. *Joseph Blanchard*; res. in New York.

24. COL. THOMAS WILKINS, b. 25 May, 1792; d. 15 November, 1868; m. Sarah Crosby, of Milford, 24 December, 1834. She was b. 15 September, 1798; d. 5 June, 1850. He was for some years one of the selectmen of the town, and an officer in the militia. They resided on the farm once owned by his grandfather, Thomas Towne. Their children were—

44. *Elizabeth Hubbard*, b. 4 March, 1836; d. in North Conway 14 October, 1878; unmarried.

45. *Anna Frances*, b. 9 March, 1839; m. Henry W. Russell 30 October, 1869; res. in North Conway.

46. DANIEL WILKINS and LUCY BRADFORD m. in Middleton, Mass., 27 February, 1749, and settled in Souhegan West shortly after. Their children were—

47. *Hannah*, b. 27 January, 1751; d. 17 April, 1769.

48. *Lucy*, b. 16 January, 1753.

49. †*Robert Bradford*, b. 20 September, 1755.

50. *Asa*, b. 1 August, 1757; was a soldier in Scammell's regiment from 1777 to 1780.

49. LIEUT. ROBERT B. WILKINS, b. in Souhegan West 20 September, 1755; d. in Boston, Mass., in August, 1832. He m. (1) Elizabeth Stewart, daughter of Samuel Stewart, 31 October, 1782. She d. 7 July, 1784, aged 31. He m. (2) ————; resided in Amherst, Hillsborough, Concord, Pembroke, and Boston, Mass. Their children were—

51. *Elizabeth*: m. Ephraim Blanchard.

52. *Robert B.*: d. in Milford 6 September, 1809, aged 22.

53. *Minerva*: d. in Concord in September, 1819, aged 28.

54. AARON WILKINS, son of Uriah and Lydia Wilkins, was b. in Middleton, Mass., 20 October, 1745, O. S.; killed by a falling tree 23 April, 1800; m. Lydia Smith. She was b. 9 November, 1755; d. 25 March, 1837. They settled in Amherst in the spring of 1779. Their children were—

55. †*Aaron*, b. in Middleton 17 February, 1778.

56. *Alexander*, b. 12 March, 1779; m. ————; settled in Merrimack, where he d. 17 April, 1849.

57. *Lydia*, b. 12 May, 1781; d. 28 August, 1773.

58. *Naomi*, b. 16 March, 1783; m. Joseph Russell in January, 1805; settled in Lyndeborough, where she d. 2 June, 1869.

59. *Lydia*, b. 1 June, 1785; m. Elisha Felton, of Amherst, 30 December, 1806; d. 30 July, 1859.

60. *Uriah*, b. 4 November, 1788; m. Nancy Kittredge; resided in Stowe, Vt.; d. 26 February, 1874.

61. *Eliab*, b. 24 December, 1790; m. Asenath Howard 20 January, 1820; settled in Vermont; d. at Morristown, Vt., 28 November, 1879.

62. *Clara Smith*, b. 21 March, 1792; m. Thomas W. Melendy in 1819; d. at Jacksonville, Ill., 1 August, 1867.

63. *Orpah*, b. 29 August, 1794; m. George Small 11 February, 1819; d. at Morristown, Vt., 10 August, 1877.

55. AARON WILKINS, JR., b. at Middleton, Mass., 17 February, 1778; d. in Amherst 3 June, 1862; m. Sarah (Kendall) Flint, a great-granddaughter of Samuel Lamson, 16 September, 1824. She was b. 17 January, 1784; d. 14 September, 1861. He occupied the farm left by his father, and was one of the best citizens of the town—an upright, honest man. Their son—

64. †*Aaron Smith*, was b. 25 January, 1827.

64. AARON SMITH WILKINS, b. 25 January, 1827; m. Martha A. McCluer 18 November, 1852. She was b. in Merrimack 15 April, 1829. They reside on the farm once owned by his father and grandfather. Their children are—

65. Aaron Milton, b. 22 January, 1854; m. Lucy Hartshorn 23 September, 1880.

66. George Henry, b. 28 December, 1855.

67. Frank Edwin, b. 9 September, 1858.

68. Charles Lincoln, b. 23 April, 1861.

69. Bertha Maria, b. 17 December, 1863.

70. Harry Albert, b. 3 April, 1866.

71. Lizzie Lawrence, b. 15 November, 1870.

72. BENJAMIN WILKINS, a younger brother of Aaron, was b. in Middleton, Mass., 3 June, 1764; d. in Amherst 12 September, 1821; m. Sarah Wilkins, of Middleton, 22 September, 1778. She d. in Merrimack 26 December, 1842. They resided on the place since occupied by Isaac and Isaac P. Weston. To distinguish him from Benjamin Wilkins, of Merrimack, he was familiarly called "Pond" Ben. Wilkins. Their children were—

73. Jonathan; who settled in Stanstead, Canada.

74. Lydia; m. Joseph Richardson; resided in Cornish.

75. Huldah; m. Nathan Wheeler 25 November, 1807; d. 25 December, 1862, aged 78.

76. Patience; d. in infancy.

77. Thirzah; d. unmarried in Merrimack 1 May, 1855, aged 64.

78. Alvah, b. 1 January, 1793; res. in Amherst and other places; rem. to Wisconsin in 1864; d. in Sharon, Wis., 22 December, 1881.

79. Hannah, b. 15 December, 1797; res. in Amherst.

80. JOSHUA WILKINS, b. in Middleton, Mass., 26 August, 1718, and his wife, Ruth, were residents in Amherst in March, 1776. Their children were—

81. Asaph, b. 17 March, 1738.

82. Eli, b. 21 September, 1741; d. young.

83. Sylvester, b. 11 January, 1744; d. young.

84. Joshua, b. 12 October, 1746.

85. Elizabeth, b. 16 November, 1748; d. young.



86. †*Abijah*, b. 7 October, 1751.

87. †*Eli*, b. 6 April, 1753; settled in Amherst; served on the board of selectmen several years.

88. *Sylvester*, b. 24 November, 1757; a Revolutionary soldier; d. at Easton, Pa.

89. *Ruth*, b. 21 March, 1761.

90. *Elizabeth*, b. 15 June, 1764.

86. ABIJAH WILKINS, b. in Middleton 7 October, 1751; d. in Mont Vernon in July, 1833; m. Lucy Averill 7 May, 1772. She was b. 18 December, 1752. He m. (2) Sarah Farmer 30 September, 1788. Their children were—

91. *Abijah*, b. 18 September, 1771.

92. *Lucy*, b. 27 March, 1777.

93. *Jason*, b. 7 December, 1780.

94. *Charles W.*, b. 30 October, 1791.

95. *George*, b. 12 December, 1793.

96. *Esther*, b. 28 October, 1797.

97. *Ruth*, b. 19 December, 1799.

87. ELI WILKINS, b. 6 April, 1753; m. ——— Leach. They settled in the easterly part of the north-west parish, now Mont Vernon. He was frequently employed as a school teacher; served on the board of selectmen from 1781 to 1788 inclusive, and held a commission as justice of the peace many years. Their children were—

98. *Eli*.

99. *Ira*; m. Nancy Kendall.

100. *John L.*; m. Susan Weston.

101. *Joshua*.

102. *Tryphosa*; m. Gerry Knights, of Francestown.

103. *Alvah*; m. (1) Sarah Hill; m. (2) Sarah S. Gould 25 September, 1860; d. 5 October, 1862, aged 65.

104. *Nathaniel*.

105. SAMUEL WILKINS, b. in Merrimack 25 May, 1792; d. in Amherst 2 May, 1857; m. Lucy Gilmore, of Merrimack, 17 May, 1818. She was b. 17 May, 1799; d. 22 November, 1876. Their children were—

106. †*Samuel, jr.*, b. 15 May, 1820.

107. *Nancy*, b. 30 October, 1822; m. Simeon Carter, jr.; res. in Winchendon, Mass.

108. *Julia*, b. 13 August, 1828; d. 1 February, 1850; unmarried.

109. *Mary E.*, b. 18 October, 1830; m. John R. Foss 3 July, 1852; d. in Campton 21 December, 1857.

106. SAMUEL WILKINS, JR., b. 15 May, 1820; m. Abby Smith, of Milford, 24 November, 1853. She was b. 2 July, 1823. Their children are—

110. *Charles Edmund*, b. 1 February, 1857.

111. *Samuel Franklin*, b. 16 May, 1859.

112. *Abbie Frances*, b. 19 February, 1864.

#### WILSON.

THOMAS F. WILSON, b. 27 August, 1806; d. 27 January, 1874; m. Ruth Boutell 17 November, 1836. She was b. 1 May, 1810. Their children were—

*Lucy Ann*, b. 9 March, 1839; d. 16 October, 1840.

*Frederick A.*, b. 20 August, 1842.

*Edward*, b. 8 August, 1844; d. 22 March, 1863.

*Sarah R.*, b. 12 February, 1852.

SIMEON WILSON, formerly of Amherst, d. at Nashua 1 February, 1867, aged 79.

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*Jonathan Wilson*; d. in May, 1824, aged about 50.

*Esther*, wife of *James A. Wilson*, formerly of Manchester, d. in August, 1847, aged 35.

#### WILLIAMS.

The children of STEPHEN and MARY WILLIAMS were—

*Stephen*, b. 23 October, 1779.

*Thomas*, b. 30 June, 1781.

*David*, b. 27 January, 1783.

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*Elizabeth*, daughter of *Ebenezer* and *Elizabeth Williams*, was b. 17 February, 1777.

*David Williams*, formerly of Amherst, d. in Milford 16 April, 1834, aged 85.

## WINCHESTER.

LEMUEL WINCHESTER m. Lydia Flint, of Reading, Mass., 28 August, 1760. They were afterward residents in Amherst.

## WINN.

JOSEPH and SARAH WINN. He d. 10 August, 1856, aged 84. She d. 3 May, 1826, aged 51. Their children were—

*Joseph*, b. 19 August, 1798.

*Parker*, b. 8 August, 1800.

*Rodney*, b. 14 April, 1802.

*Sarah Kendall*, b. 31 July, 1807.

JOSEPH, JR., and SARAH WINN. He d. 14 February, 1842. Their daughter—

*Sarah Sophia*, was b. 16 August, 1830.

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*Andrew J. Winn* d. 18 February, 1823, aged 5 years.

## WOODBURY—WOODBERRY.

I. JOHN WOODBURY was one of the original settlers of Beverly, Mass. He came from Somersetshire, England, in 1624; was made freeman in 1635; d. in 1640.

II. HUMPHREY, son of John, came over with his father. He was b. in 1609; admitted to the church in 1648; chosen deacon in 1668; m. Agnes ———, and was living in 1681.

III. PETER, son of Humphrey and Agnes; baptized 19 September, 1640; made freeman 29 April, 1668; d. 5 July, 1704. He m. Sarah, daughter of Richard Dodge. She was b. in 1644; d. 11 September, 1726.

IV. JOSIAH, son of Peter and Sarah, b. in Beverly, 15 June, 1682; resided in the second parish of that town; d. in 1746. He m. Lydia, daughter of Joseph Herrick, a great-granddaughter of Henry and Edith Herrick, the an-

cestors of the families of that name in Massachusetts and New Hampshire. They had one son—

V. JOSIAH, b. 15 February, 1709; m. Hannah Perkins, of Ipswich, Mass., who d. in 1761, aged 46 years. He d. in 1773. They had two sons and four daughters, of whom—

VI. 1. PETER WOODBURY, b. in Beverly, Mass., 28 March, 1738; d. in Antrim 11 October, 1817; m. Elizabeth (Dodge) Rea in 1760. She d. in Antrim 19 April, 1812, aged 69 years. They settled in Amherst, now Mont Vernon, in 1773; rem. to Antrim in 1799 or 1800. Their children were—

2. *Levi*, b. 20 January, 1761; captured on the privateer *Essex*, and carried a prisoner of war to England, where he d. at Plymouth.

3. *Jesse*, b. 2 October, 1763; went to Mexico where he obtained large grants of land. He d. in Texas about 1835.

4. *Peter*, b. 9 January, 1767; d. in Francetown 12 September, 1834; m. Mary, daughter of James Woodbury, 23 April, 1787; settled in Francetown. Their children were—

1. Mary, b. 28 October, 1787; m. (1) Dr. Adonijah Howe, of Jaffrey; m. (2) Dr. Luke Howe, of Jaffrey; d. 18 January, 1875.

2. *Levi*, b. 2 December, 1789; Governor of New Hampshire; Secretary of the Treasury, and Secretary of the Navy; Associate Justice Supreme Court, U. S.; d. 4 September, 1851.

3. *Peter P.*, b. 8 August, 1791; a physician in Bedford; d. 5 December, 1860.

4. *Anstress B.*, b. 29 May, 1793; m. Nehemiah Eastman, of Farmington; d. 10 September, 1847.

5. *Martha*, b. 14 August, 1796; m. Thomas Grimes, of Windsor, Vt.; d. 25 December, 1854.

6. *Hannah T.*, b. 17 March, 1799; m. Isaac O. Barnes, of Boston, Mass.; d. February 28, 1855.

7. *James Trask*, b. 9 May, 1803; a lawyer and clergyman; d. in Acton, Mass., 16 January, 1861.

8. *Harriet*, b. 1 May, 1805; m. Perley Dodge, of Amherst.

9. *Jesse*, b. 17 May, 1807; res. on the homestead in Francetown.

10. *Adeline*, b. 22 April, 1803; m. Edwin F. Bunnell, of Boston, Mass.

11. *George Washington*, b. 2 June, 1811; a physician in Yazoo county, Miss.; d. in February, 1876.

5. *Betsey*, b. 9 February, 1770; m. †Peter Jones, of Amherst.
6. *Hannah*, b. 14 February, 1772; d. young.
7. *Mark*, b. in Amherst 1 January, 1775; d. in Antrim 17 March, 1828; a successful merchant in Antrim. He m. Alice Boyd, of Antrim. Their children were—

1. Luke, b. 25 December, 1800; d. 27 August, 1851; was Judge of Probate in Hillsborough county, and, at the time of his death, the Democratic candidate for governor of New Hampshire.
2. Sabrina, b. 4 February, 1806; m. George W. Hill; d. 8 May, 1862.
3. Mary, b. 8 December, 1805; m. Joshua C. Dodge; d. 3 May, 1836.
4. Betsey, b. 8 May, 1808; d. in infancy.
5. Betsey, b. 8 May, 1809; m. Benjamin B. Muzzey; d. 20 March, 1849.
6. Mark B., b. 9 May, 1811; d. 24 October, 1874.
7. Fanny, b. 14 November, 1813; d. 15 October, 1858.
8. Nancy, b. 28 October, 1817; m. (1) A. N. Moore; m. (2) George C. Trumbull, d. in Boston 21 October, 1855.
9. Levi, b. 18 August, 1820; d. in Antrim 10 August, 1865.
10. John B., b. 13 August, 1823; res. in Antrim.

8. JAMES WOODBURY, b. in Beverly, Mass., 4 June, 1738; d. in Francestown 3 March, 1823; m. Hannah Trask. She was b. in Beverly 28 September, 1741; d. in Francestown 5 October, 1819.

He was one of the famous rangers who served under Rogers and Stark in the French and Indian war, and was near Gen. Wolfe when he fell at Quebec in 1759.

He rem. from Beverly to Amherst in 1782, thence to Francestown about 1800. Their children were—

9. *Mehitable*, b. 15 August, 1762; m. James Ray, of Amherst, 5 May, 1780; d. in Francestown 14 February, 1858.
10. *Abigail*, b. 13 March, 1765; m. ——— Fisk, of Wilmot.
11. *Hannah*, b. 5 October, 1766; m. Capt. Joseph Perkins; d. in Mont Vernon 15 April, 1856.
12. *Mary*, b. 15 August, 1769; m. Peter Woodbury 23 April, 1787; d. in Francestown 31 December, 1839.
13. *Sarah*, b. 5 May, 1771; m. (1) Josiah Beard 3 December, 1793; m. (2) Isaac Andrews; d. in Francestown 25 March, 1863.

14. *Anna*, b. 4 August, 1774; m. John Averill, jr., of Mont Vernon; d. 9 May, 1858.

15. *Betsey*, b. 11 August, 1777; m. Paul Whipple, of New Boston, 10 October, 1795.

16. *Lucy*, b. 4 October, 1779; d. 25 June, 1782.

17. *Lucy*, b. 17 August, 1783; m. John S. Tyler 7 September, 1806; d. in New York 12 May, 1813.

18. CAPT. NATHANIEL WOODBURY, b. in Nantucket, Mass., in 1729; d. in Amherst, 1 July, 1823; m. Elizabeth, daughter of Josiah Coffin, of Nantucket, in 1757. She was a relative of Admiral Sir Isaac Coffin, and was b. in 1729; d. in Nantucket in 1790. Shortly after her decease Capt. Woodbury rem. to Amherst and settled on a farm purchased by his son, Andrew Woodbury, in the south-east part of the town, where the remainder of his life was spent. Their children were—

19. *Elizabeth*, b. in 1758; m. Rev. Zebulon Butler. He d. in Falmouth, Me. She d. in Amherst 26 February, 1822.

20. *Abigail*, b. in 1760; m. †Capt. Daniel Prior.

21. *Nathaniel*, b. in 1763; d. at sea.

22. *Priscilla*; m. †Capt. George Gardner.

23. *Sarah*; d. in Amherst; unmarried.

24. *Andrew*; m. ———; settled in Baltimore, Md.; d. at sea.

25. *Mary*; d. in Amherst; unmarried.

HORACE E. WOODBERRY, a native of Beverly, Mass.; a merchant, and post-master in Amherst some years; rem. to West Newton, Mass., in 1880. He m. Isabella Larcom, of Beverly, 25 February, 1869. Their children were—

*Ethel M.*, b. 29 December, 1875.

*Dwight Larcom*, b. 1 February, 1880.

## WOOLSON.

1. THOMAS WOOLSON, a native of Woburn, Mass., settled in Amherst shortly after the close of the Revolution. He resided on the place afterward occupied by his son, Ezra,

and now (1882) by Lorenzo M. Carr. He m. (1) Martha ———; m. (2) Joanna Reed 1 January, 1803. She d. 3 August, 1824, aged 96. He d. in September, 1823, aged 93. Their children were—

2. †*Ezra*, b. 6 January, 1761; m. Susannah Elliott.
3. *Martha*, b. 26 August, 1763; d. 22 February, 1785.
4. *Mary*, b. 13 December, 1764.
5. *David*; m. Sally Crosby, of Milford, in April, 1798.
6. †*Thomas*, b. in 1777.

2. EZRA WOOLSON, b. 6 January, 1761; m. Susannah Elliott 12 December, 1793. She was b. 13 May, 1765; d. 1 November, 1841. He d. 16 September, 1844. Their son—

7. †*Nathaniel*, b. 24 April, 1795; m. Lucy Putnam.

7. NATHANIEL WOOLSON, b. 24 April, 1795; m. Lucy Putnam, of Milford, 19 August, 1818. She d. 5 April, 1845. He d. in Milford 5 December, 1844. Their children were—

8. *Henry P.*, b. in 1819; d. in Springfield, Mass., 31 July, 1859.
9. *Daniel*; res. in Colorado.
10. *Mary Ellen*; res. in Boston, Mass.
11. *Ezra*, b. in 1824; d. in Fitzwilliam 14 January, 1845.
12. *Susan*, b. in 1829; d. 7 May, 1832.

## WRIGHT.

LUCY, wife of FRANCIS WRIGHT, d. 8 October, 1875, aged 82 years and 6 months.

*George W. Wright* d. 31 August, 1870, aged 13 years and 4 months.

## WYATT.

1. SAMUEL WYATT, a native of Danvers, Mass., settled in Amherst in 1782, on the place now occupied by his son, Foster Wyatt, where he carried on the tanning business for some years. He served in the army during a part of the war for independence, and was in the battles preceding the surrender of Burgoyne, in one of which, Capt. Putnam, his commander, was killed. He was then made lieutenant of the company,

and, after the surrender of Burgoyne, served in New Jersey, where he came near losing his life from a fever. As soon as he was able he returned home. He received his pay in Continental money, which became worthless on his hands.

In August, 1812, during a freshet, a young woman, named Amy Dearborn, fell into the brook near his house. Being a good swimmer he went to her rescue, but was carried under the water and drowned. A bystander reached the end of a pole to the young woman who caught it and was drawn ashore.

He was b. in Danvers 19 June, 1754; d. in Amherst 22 August, 1812; m. (1) Sarah Parker 12 May, 1778. She was b. 3 March, 1753; d. 20 April, 1792; m. (2) Margaret McCally, of Hillsborough, 9 December, 1794. She was b. 29 February, 1756; d. 18 March, 1826. Their children were—

2. *Samuel*, b. 4 December, 1778; d. in Vermont 16 December, 1836; unmarried.

3. *William Parker*, b. 10 January, 1781; m. Isabel McIntosh; d. in Randolph, Vt., in June, 1828.

4. *Joseph*, b. 27 November, 1782; m. Sally Mussey, of Amherst, 13 February, 1810; d. in Pomfret, Vt., 18 November, 1820.

5. *Sally*, b. 7 June, 1785; d. 4 October, 1791.

6. *Phebe*, b. 9 February, 1788; m. Samuel McIntosh 16 February, 1813; d. at Bethel, Vt., 12 January, 1880.

7. † *Foster*, b. 18 November, 1795; m. Mary Gregg, of New Boston, in 1818; res. on the homestead.

8. *Sally*, b. 29 December, 1797; m. Moses Noyes, jr., of Amherst, 1 June, 1818; res. in Derry.

7. *FOSTER WYATT*, b. 18 November, 1795; d. 5 February, 1882; m. Mary Gregg. She was b. 19 March, 1789; d. 9 November, 1868. They res. on the Wyatt homestead. Their children were—

9. *Harriet*, b. 31 August, 1818; res. with her father; unmarried.

10. *Emily*, b. 28 May, 1822; m. ——— Richards, of Goffstown; d. 21 April, 1855.



11. *Mary*, b. 7 May, 1824; m. (1) John K. Bartlett, of Manchester. He d. 1 November, 1867. She m. (2) Ephraim W. Jones, of Amherst, 9 December, 1875.

12. *Frances Adeline*, b. 17 February, 1728; m. Luther W. Burns, of Milford.

13. *Sarah Jane*, b. 26 October, 1829; m. John M. Burns, of Milford.

### YOUNG.

1. PETER YOUNG m. Lavina, daughter of Capt. Ebenezer Perry. He resided some years on the place formerly occupied by William Low, Esq., and d. there suddenly 24 October, 1833. His widow rem. to Hooksett, where she d. 28 March, 1850, aged 47. Their children were—

2. *Elizabeth J.*; m. Ozro M. Smith, of Manchester, in December, 1842.

3. *Luthora E.*

4. *Orvis P.*, b. in 1828.

5. *Nancy H.*

6. *Harriet A.*

7. *Peter H.*

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### MARRIAGES IN AMHERST,

NOT INCLUDED IN THE FAMILY REGISTERS.

*Copied principally from the Town Records.*

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1874, 10 February, Ezra B. Abbott and Sarah L. Stearns.

1851, 9 July, H. T. Abbott, of Goffstown, and Sarah A. Thissell.

1858, 1 June, Hezekiah Abbott, of Lyndeborough, and Rachel A. Robbins.

1864, 25 November, James M. Abbott, of Lowell, Mass., and Julia M. Sawyer.

1806, 27 November, John Adams and Esther Taylor.

1832, July, William Ames, of Milford, and Eliza Knowlton.

1875, 16 February, Alvaro Annis, of Goffstown, and Lizzie A. Breed.

1798, 1 February, John Atwill, of Hollis, and Tabitha Fairfield.

1834, 4 December, Stephen Austin, of Dunstable, and Jane S. Brown.

1821, 29 November, Asa Averill, of Boston, Mass., and Susan McIntire.

- 1783, 24 April, Daniel Averill and Mary Weston.  
1783, 23 April, David Averill and Mary Carleton.  
1782, 28 May, Elijah Averill and Mehitable Bradford.  
1809, 5 January, Elisha Averill and Lois Mace.  
1856, 16 December, John Averill, of Mont Vernon, and Dorcas A. Smiley.  
1835, 5 February, Asa Avery, and Martha Stearns.  
1791, 25 November, Samuel Badger and Susannah Haseltine.  
1845, 24 December, Edward P. Bancroft, of Boston, Mass., and Clara E. Peabody.  
1849, September, Elbridge Barden, of Nashville, and Eliza A. Jennison.  
1786, 21 December, Nathan Barker and Susannah Cole.  
1853, 24 November, Augustus Berry, of Henniker, and Dora R. Snow.  
1821, 26 June, Asa Beverly and Roxanna Lovejoy, of Hollis.  
1786, 17 August, Josiah Bickford and Sarah Russell.  
1876, 13 January, George F. Bills and Ida M. Stickney.  
1874, 30 August, Walter W. Blake, of Hollis, and Mrs. Augusta E. Jones.  
1789, 27 January, Amos Blanchard and Lavina Hopkins.  
1805, 4 August, Israel Blanchard and Abigail Wiley.  
1801, 15 February, Edward Blodgett and Ruth Kimball.  
1862, 11 December, Dexter L. Blood, of Hollis, and Cornelia A. Lovejoy.  
1828, May, Major Francis Blood, of Temple, and Achsah Mace.  
1805, 13 January, Joseph Boutell and Nancy Wilkins.  
1869, 30 December, Charles L. Bradford and Eliza Chumard, of Milford.  
1866, 12 April, William W. Bradford, of Lowell, Mass., and Addie Kendall.  
1852, 3 June, Charles H. Brooks, of Nashville, and Permelia J. Wilson.  
1795, 25 October, James Brown and Sally Abbott.  
1869, October, John D. Brown, of Missouri Valley, Iowa, and Fanny C. Noyes.  
1850, January, John Brown and Mary J. Buttrick.  
1799, 18 August, William Brown, jr., and Tabitha Boutell.  
1826, November, Samuel L. Brown, of Haverhill, Mass., and Elizabeth M. Hood.  
1873, 10 June, John F. Burnham, of Lawrence, Mass., and Etta Eaton.  
1879, 7 January, Albert C. Buswell and Lillian H. Wilcox, of Nashua.

1878, 12 December, Benjamin F. Butterfield and Sarah J. Fuller, of New Boston.

1875, 13 January, Fletcher H. Cambridge, of Lowell, Mass., and Margaret E. Pedrick.

1859, 26 June, Brooks R. Came, of Milford, and Mary A. Duncklee.

1831, August, George W. Came and Hannah E. Knowlton.

1795, 18 June, James Campbell and Agnes Kilpatrick.

1790, 2 February, William Carson and Abigail Heyward.

1848, 1 May, Henry W. Carter and Julia E. Wilson, of Chelsea, Vt.

1807, 29 November, Daniel Chase and Abigail Eaton.

1786, 7 December, Jedidiah W. Cheney and Rhoda Williams.

1873, 4 December, Edward G. Clark and Mrs. Laura Abbot, of Manchester.

1801, 2 March, John Clark and Susannah Wilson.

1778, 9 November, Joseph Clark and Eunice Carlin.

1786, 3 May, Richard Clark and Betsey Kidder.

1796, 2 October, Samuel Clark and Betsey Cleaves.

1793, 21 November, Timothy Clark and Prudence Wilson.

1827, September, John Coggin, of Dunstable, and Myra Underwood.

1864, 13 June, Jonathan T. Colburn, of Hollis, and Elvira A. Lovejoy.

1819, 4 May, Oliver Colburn, of Reading, Mass., and Mary Smith.

1821, 9 August, James Colgan and Sally Mayberry.

1802, Jonathan Conant and Sarah Hutchinson, of Milford.

1866, 13 December, Eben Converse and Betsey A. Hill, of Litchfield.

1873, 3 July, Eben Converse and Susan E. Parker, of Milford.

1856, June, Daniel Cram and Sarah Blood.

1802, 10 February, William Cristy, of New Boston, and Cynthia Wilkins.

1848, April, Solomon Curby, of New Haven, Vt., and Melinda C. Stiles.

1834, 4 February, Levi Cummings and Rebecca King, of Milford.

1784, 26 April, John Damon and Susannah White.

1827, 1 January, Samuel Damon, of Lancaster, Mass., and Rebecca Smith.

1801, 23 April, Leonard Danforth and Polly Henry.

1803, 8 February, Joseph Darrah, of Charlestown, Mass., and Relief Putnam.

1791, 3 August, George Dascomb and Sally Lovekin.

1793, 5 December, Daniel Dean and Polly Davis.

1808, 21 November, Peter Deccan and Polly Tuck.

1796, 28 August, Andrew Dennison and Sally Wilkins.

1881, 4 January, Dr. Walter H. Dinsmore and Susie E. Boothby, of Buxton, Me.

1819, 16 November, Allen Dodge and Mary Upton, of Mont Vernon.

1834, 19 December, Daniel Dodge, of Roxbury, Mass., and Caroline Clark.

1798, 23 May, Joseph Dodge, of New Boston, and Sally Smith.

1804, 6 June, William Dodge and Eleanor Boutell.

1867, 18 April, Benjamin W. Dolloff, of East Cambridge, Mass., and Etta M. Hall.

1790, 17 June, William Douglas and Mary Jewett.

1880, 29 May, Walter Drucker and Edith A. Cross.

1824, November, Samuel Dutton and Mercy Gilmore.

1879, 6 October, Rev. Gorham Estabrook and Dolly A. Blodgett, of Boston, Mass.

1867, 17 September, Ephraim Ellenwood and Tabitha Wheeler.

1780, 26 October, Samuel Ellenwood and Lucy Hildreth, of Jaffrey.

1792, 24 January, Andrew Elliott and Hannah Stevens.

1814, 14 February, John Elliott and Mary Stewart.

1821, 14 November, Reuel Ellis and Lydia P. Hosmer.

1848, 18 September, J. Milton Emerson, of Methuen, and Sophia T. Pearson.

1819, 24 January, Joseph Emerson and Susannah Clark.

1801, 16 April, Nathaniel Emerson and Hannah Cochran.

1803, 19 June, Samuel Emerson and Susannah Huntoon.

1834, 24 February, Samuel J. Emerson and Clarissa Andrews, of Hillsborough.

1819, April, Joseph Emery and Susannah Clark.

1825, 17 May, Israel Farnum and Susannah Farnum, of Mont Vernon.

1835, November, Thomas Farnum, of Mont Vernon, and Lucy Clark.

1830, April, William Farnum, of Lowell, Mass., and Sabrina Parker.

1818, April, William Farrier and Lucy Kittredge, of Mont Vernon.

1857, 24 September, Charles P. Felch, of Amboy, Ill., and Mrs. Mary C. Godfrey.

1830, June, Thomas Fessenden and Sarah Pearsons.

1810, 14 October, Isaac Fields, of Merrimack, and Hannah Gilmore.

1823, June, Joshua Fields, of Merrimack, and Eunice Truel.

1857, 16 December, Daniel Fisher, of Sandusky, Ohio, and Emily L. Lovejoy.

1834, 30 March, Jason Flanders, of Lowell, Mass., and Lucy Ann Clark.

1789, 26 November, Jonathan Flanders and Sally Steel.

- 1846, 20 June, Amos A. Flint, of Nashville, and Catherine Carter.  
1799, 2 March, Richard Floyd and Polly Upton.  
1802, 28 April, Benjamin Foster and Hannah French.  
1827, December, Jonathan Foster and Mrs. Lydia Tarbell, of Milford.  
1801, 27 January, Aaron French and Susannah Clark.  
1803, 5 April, Abraham French, of Lyndeborough, and Naomi Wilkins.  
1828, 8 November, Burleigh French and Nancy Haywood, of Mont Vernon.  
1778, 5 March, David French and Lydia Parker.  
1802, 31 October, Aaron Fuller and Betsey Boynton.  
1869, 26 December, Albert S. Fuller and Mary E. Nichols, of Burlington, Mass.  
1864, 19 October, B. W. Gage, of Charlestown, Mass., and Anna A. Roby.  
1785, 12 May, John Gage and Rachel Stewart.  
1788, 29 April, Moses Gage and Ruth Fuller.  
1875, 2 June, Charles E. Gates, of Hollis, and Adelia A. Peacock.  
1838, June, William Gibson and Martha J. Kendall.  
1848, December, Isaac B. Giddings and Julia A. Butterfield, of New London.  
1789, 19 April, Jotham Gillis and Abigail Codman.  
1794, 20 October, Trueworthy Gilman and Eliza Towne.  
1800, 15 November, David Goodall and Polly Raymond.  
1852, 17 October, Elbridge Goodnow, of Boston, Mass., and Jane F. Nichols.  
1814, 20 March, Allen Goodridge, of Mont Vernon, and Mary Emerson.  
1849, February, John E. Gould, of Weare, and Eliza A. Holden.  
1778, 13 October, Stephen Gould and Mary Johnstone.  
1794, 23 October, Colburn Green and Susannah McDaniel.  
1786, 11 May, Thaddeus Grimes and Hannah Straw.  
1796, 24 March, Chase Hadley and Hannah Smith.  
1857, November, John Hadlock and Sarah E. Carlton.  
1821, 22 November, Nathan Hall, of New Boston, and Lucy Dodge.  
1860, 3 May, Simon H. Hammond, of Harvard, Mass., and Lillian Steele.  
1879, 20 July, John A. Hanson and Georgianna D. Seavey, of Bedford.  
1843, May, Elbridge Hardy, jr., and Abigail Simonds, of Andover, Mass.  
1834, 1 April, John F. Harris, of Dunstable, and Olive Brown.

1801, 19 February, William Harwood and Asenath Mills.

1844, November, Peter W. Haseltine, of Nashua, and Sarah Marden.

1788, 28 August, William Haywood and Dorety Parker.

1873, 27 November, B. Frank Hazen, of Goffstown, and Mary E. Parker.

1811, 20 November, Reuben Heath, of Deering, and Ellis Nichols.

1837, 7 December, Simpson S. Heath, of Wendell, and Lucretia P.

Ray.

1824, 4 August, Dr. Charles T. Hildreth and Elizabeth F. Dunton, of Boston, Mass.

1877, 12 July, Alonzo Hill and Cora E. Knight.

1797, 30 August, Timothy Hill, jr., and Rachel Holt.

1862, 25 August, Timothy B. Hill and Jennie Duncklee, of Milford.

1880, 17 August, William H. H. Hinds, of Milford, and Margaret

Twiss.

1777, 2 July, John Hitchcock and Rachel Littlehale.

1793, 22 July, Daniel Holt and Patty Towne.

1874, 31 March, Israel H. Holt and Eva E. L. Freeman, of Wilton.

1839, 29 October, Lorenzo W. Holt, of Wilton, and Lavina Brown.

1794, 12 March, Joseph Hood and Eleanor Woodbury.

1829, March, Joseph Hood and Dorothy Kirk, of Deering.

1829, Joseph W. Hood, of Billerica, Mass., and Elizabeth Upham.

1792, 2 December, Isaac How and Sarah Griffin, of Temple.

1779, 22 August, John How and Hannah Dutton.

1871, 7 December, Samuel H. Howard, of Irasburg, Vt., and Christina

Kendall.

1802, 29 September, Pitman Howard and Mary Stevens.

1819, 14 January, John Hutchins, of Dunbarton, and Hannah Blood.

1831, August, Freeman Hutchinson, of Milford, and Mary J. Lancaster.

1866, Justin E. Hutchinson, of Milford, and Mary Lewis.

1784, 30 January, Edmund Ingalls and Mary Lovejoy.

1805, September, Thomas Jameson and Isabella McGaw.

1816, 24 October, John Johnson, jr., and Mehitable Clark.

1880, 3 June, Blanchard C. Jones and Susan C. Olmstead.

1780, 7 December, John Jones and Ruth Hutchinson.

1858, 31 March, William S. Kempton, of Newport, and Irene L. Wright.

1799, 28 November, Hezekiah Kendall, of Hollis, and Lucy Kidder.

1773, 22 April, John Kendall and Molly Boynton, of Hollis.

1813, 25 November, Joshua Kendall, of Hillsborough, and Mary Stickney.

1781, 19 April, Silas Keyes and Sarah Lovejoy.

- 1781, 22 November, Daniel Kidder and Elizabeth Melendy.  
 1802, 30 September, Jonathan Kidder and Susannah Hagar.  
 1835, 20 February, Joseph Kidder and Rebecca Pike.  
 1809, 19 December, Josiah Kidder and Hannah Nevins, of Hollis.  
 1784, 25 November, Jonathan Kimball and Sarah Howard.  
 1871, 2 December, Tyre P. Kimball and Emma D. Chapman.  
 1876, 26 October, Tyre P. Kimball and Alice E. Hamlet, of Hudson.  
 1800, 24 April, Mansfield King and Rachel Gorman.  
 1780, 27 January, William King, jr., and Lavina Wheeler.  
 1782, 29 August, Francis Kittredge, jr., of Tewksbury, and Lucy Crosby.  
 1787, 29 November, Joshua Kittredge and Lydia Kittredge.  
 1788, 27 November, Stephen Kittredge and Mehitable Russell.  
 1831, 15 February, Willard Knowles, of Charlestown, Mass., and Polly Kidder.  
 1817, 17 April, James Lane and Frances G. Morse.  
 1779, 1 June, Benjamin Lewis and Anna Johnstone.  
 1854, 18 June, James A. Lovejoy and Harriet A. Towne, of Milford.  
 1868, 2 April, Leander Lovejoy and Hattie C. Burns.  
 1871, 18 April, Milton E. Lovejoy, of Milford, and Lenora A. M. Buzzell.  
 1780, 7 December, Edward Lyon and Miriam Straw.  
 1879, 27 November, Charles A. McAfee, of Bedford, and Susie A. Druker.  
 1783, 13 June, John McAllister and Anna Steel.  
 1793, 6 June, Robert McAllister and Sarah Stewart.  
 1832, 6 December, James McCluer, of Merrimack, and Eliza J. Heath.  
 1803, March, Thomas McCoy and Sally Merrill.  
 1785, 2 November, Hugh McMullen and Eunice Cole.  
 1876, 19 April, John R. McKay and Angie A. Corliss.  
 1807, 12 March, Thomas Manning and Mary Gilmore.  
 1803, March, Zara Mansfield and Mary Cross.  
 1796, 6 January, David Marshall and Sally Hopkins.  
 1870, 26 September, Levi F. Martin and Sarah S. Wilkinson, of Peterborough.  
 1877, 12 June, Walter E. Maxwell and Helen J. Richardson, of Hollis.  
 1835, 2 April, Thomas Melendy and Mary Badger.  
 1811, 10 October, Joseph Merriam, of Dorchester, Mass., and Betsey Rand.  
 1801, 3 December, Benjamin Merrill and Anna Gilmore.

1869, 28 October, Charles Merrill, of Melrose, Mass., and Mary F. Butterfield.

1799, 26 November, Daniel Merrill and Hannah Stevens.

1874, 5 August, Frank G. Merrill and Minnie D. Coburn, of North Chelmsford.

1803, 10 July, Jonathan Merrill and Polly Pike.

1877, 25 May, William J. Merrill, of Goffstown, and Eldora L. Weber.

1793, 3 November, James Miller and Susannah Odell.

1812, 12 March, William Mills, of Frankestown, and Rachel Parker.

1832, December, James Minor and Elvira Buell, of Greenfield.

1879, 1 January, Willard H. Moore, of Milford, and Eunice Huntress.

1799, 28 November, William Morgan and Polly Dodge.

1808, 25 May, Zelotes Morgan, of Milford, and Martha French.

1898, 16 March, Daniel Moor, of Hollis, and Mary Nevins.

1798, 16 October, Daniel H. Morrison and Jane Henry.

1844, January, William Moses, of Beverly, Mass., and Pamela F. Kidder.

1774, 17 December, M. B. Nash, of Sparta, Michigan, and Laura S. Berry.

1868, 1 April, Albert F. Nelson and Mary A. Corliss.

1782, 29 January, Aaron Nichols and Sarah Abbott.

1809, 5 November, Benjamin Nichols and Comfort Tay.

1826, November, George Nichols and Sarah Wiley.

1858, 29 November, Orlando H. Nichols and L. C. Gilson, of Nashua.

1866, 25 February, William Noyes and Mrs. M. A. Greenwood, of Nashua.

1796, 12 January, Ebenezer Nutting and Sally Kidder.

1856, 25 December, Pliny F. Odell and Lucy B. Miller, of Merrimack.

1862, 24 April, Benjamin B. Osmer, of Peterborough, and Mary A. Boutell.

1872, 2 April, Arthur H. Parker, of Wakefield, Mass., and Emma H. Hill.

1877, 20 June, Frank E. Parker and Lura M. Jones, of Nashua.

1879, 4 March, Herman H. Parker, of New Boston, and Hattie L. Taylor.

1859, 13 October, Melvin C. Parker, of Milford, and Ellen F. Batchelder.

1868, 12 November, Adams Parkhurst, of Bedford, and Mary Ashby.

1822, November, Amos Parsons, of Waltham, Mass., and Rebecca Combs.



- 1802, 9 February, Isaac Patch and Hannah Wilson.  
1831, 4 August, Douglas R. Patterson and Dolly Ann Wood, of Hollis.  
1795, 12 June, Ebenezer Patterson and Sally Clark.  
1833, 26 September, Stillman Peacock and Lucinda Heath.  
1843, November, William B. Peacock and Mary J. Wright, of Milford.  
1797, 12 September, Asa Pearson, of Lyndeborough, and Betsey Harwood.  
1787, 23 November, Daniel Pearson and Patience Kimball.  
1868, 9 April, Samuel A. Perham, of Chelmsford, Mass., and Mrs. Olive A. Gray.  
1862, 12 August, Joseph Pettengill and Julia A. Merrill.  
1802, 7 March, Nathan Phelps and Hannah McIntire.  
1802, 11 March, Nathaniel Phelps, of Vermont, and Anna Trow.  
1817, 30 December, Jesse Plummer, of Salem, Mass., and Sally Nichols.  
1841, June, Jerahmeel C. Pratt, of Roxbury, Mass., and Julia A. Farnum.  
1848, 24 October, J. W. B. Preston and Mary McKean, of Manchester.  
1858, 30 May, Giles F. Putney, of Holliston, Mass., and Rosella E. Wright.  
1872, 11 November, Byron G. Quimby, of Lowell, Mass., and Delia Trask.  
1793, 27 September, Jonathan Rand and Sally Abbot.  
1876, 11 January, Edward Reed and Susan Rockwood, of Nashua.  
1879, 17 August, David H. Rhoads and Annie S. Lowd.  
1879, 19 June, George E. Robbins and Ellen M. Wyman, of Wilton.  
1789, 21 May, Ebenezer Rider and Sarah Wright.  
1836, May, Abbot Russell, of Billerica, Mass., and Martha Truell.  
1803, October, Jedidiah Russell, of Lyndeborough, and Abigail Whiting.  
1788, 26 June, Pomp Russell and Margaret Cutt.  
1873, 27 November, Frank W. Sargent and Jennie P. Merrill.  
1878, 12 March, Charles W. Searls and Helen M. Marvell, of Mont Vernon.  
1846, 11 March, Josiah Severance, of Merrimack, and Elizabeth H. Melendy.  
1787, 27 December, Thomas Sewall and Mary Lyon.  
1793, 25 May, Daniel Shepard and Fanny Whiting.  
1859, 18 September, Silas G. Shirley and Sophia B. Atwood.  
1816, 27 February, Elias Smith, of Goshen, and Mary Smith.

1866, 9 September, George H. Smith and Jane L. Fletcher, of Mont Vernon.

1790, 9 February, Isaac Smith and Agnes Codman.

1801, 25 March, Isaac Smith and Widow Lovett.

1792, 6 February, ——— Spinner and Hannah Nichols.

1857, 8 February, Benjamin Spofford, of Manchester, and Emeline

**B. Porter.**

1804, 27 April, Moses Squires and Susannah Barnes.

1815, 17 September, Dea. David Stanley and Patience Melendy.

1781, 15 February, Samuel Stearns, jr., and Molly Coggin.

1839, 15 November, Abiel Steele and Elizabeth Hardy, of Hollis.

1791, April, Joseph Steel and Mehitable Knowland.

1811, 10 March, Samuel Stewart, of Lyndeborough, and Elizabeth P.

**Boutell.**

1807, 8 January, Jonathan Stiles and Elizabeth Tuck.

1800, 10 April, Ebenezer Stimpson and Mary M. King.

1819, 19 August, Bernard Stratton, of Orange, Mass., and Charlotte

**Boutell.**

1876, 20 September, David Sweatt, of Bedford, and Mrs. Martha A.

**Buzzell.**

1790, 4 February, George Sumner and Lydia Winchester.

1790, 6 December, Eliphalet Symonds and Damaris Duncklee.

1791, 29 December, Nathaniel Symonds and Betsey Blanchard.

1793, 20 September, Robert Taggart and Mary Bradford.

1823, 9 February, David Taylor and Margaretta Bell.

1877, 1 January, Frank C. Taylor and Nellie M. Eaton.

1847, 19 May, Nathan S. Taylor, of Woodstock, Vt., and Mary J.

**Upton.**

1791, 20 June, John Towne and Rebecca Taylor.

1795, 24 December, Joseph Towne and Polly Averill.

1777, 9 December, Richard Towne and Jane Corey.

1791, 10 February, Joseph Trow and Betsey Perkins.

1780, April, David Truel and Mrs. Sarah Fisk, of Hollis.

1780, 15 August, Moses Truel and Mrs. Elizabeth Eaton.

1793, 21 November, Samuel Truel and Sally Abbot.

1819, 16 February, Samuel Truel and Susannah Clark.

1819, 27 September, Willard Truel and Roxanna Clark.

1858, January, William Tuck and Elvira H. Rumford, of Great Falls.

1797, 16 November, Stephen Tuttle and Sarah Holt.

1810, 21 March, Nathan Upham and Sally Osgood.

1803, 15 June, Ezekiel Upton and Abigail Dodge.

1864, 15 April, Lieut. George Vose and Eliza J. Eaton, of Hillsborough.

1818, 27 January, Cato Walker, of Goffstown, and Catherine Owen.

1866, 3 July, William E. Wallace and Mrs. Fannie E. Follett, of Pawtucket.

1786, 5 March, Davis Walton and Deborah Walton.

1786, 25 June, John Watson and Betsey Stevens.

1806, 8 January, John Watson and Phebe Whitney, of Shirley, Mass.

1872, 9 November, James E. Watts, of Freedom, Me., and Laura E. Gilmore.

1872, 26 November, Samuel B. Webster, of Fairfield, Me., and Lucy J. Austin.

1824, 5 March, Charles Wells and Mary J. Wiggin, of Concord.

1870, 28 April, George W. West and Mrs. Clara J. Cady, of Bedford.

1867, 19 June, Henry J. West and Mary Ann Blood.

1869, 6 January, Henry J. West and Charlotte Cady, of Bedford.

1813, 27 June, David Weston, of Reading, Mass., and Lucinda Bontell.

1812, 15 February, Jonathan Weston, of Reading, Mass., and Martha Elliott.

1784, 2 December, Abiezer Wheeler and Ruth Williams.

1831, 24 November, David Wheeler and Catherine Aiken.

1777, 10 April, Reuben Wheeler and Dorcas Stevens.

1864, 27 February, Enos L. White and Marietta A. Wright.

1853, 1 March, James H. Whiting and Mary J. Smith.

1785, 3 February, Oliver Whiting and Hannah McKean.

1851, 23 August, Charles E. Wiley and Mary E. Mansur.

1789, 18 February, Elisha Wilkins and Mehitable Dodge.

1798, 3 May, Gideon Wilkins and Sally Wilkins.

1819, 12 May, Simeon Wilson, of Merrimack, and Roxanna Gilmore.

1870, 31 May, Isaiah Woodward, of Fitchburg, Mass., and Addie E. Pearsons.

1805, 11 February, Joseph D. Woodward and Betsey Cochran.

1830, April, Samuel Woodward and Eunice Clark.

1804, December, Amos Woolson and Polly Woolson.

1798, 25 December, John Worthley and Sally Weston.

1821, 10 May, Jonathan T. Wright and Nancy Blunt.

1838, 10 March, Timothy Wright, jr., of Brookline, and Rosannah Badger.

1853, 23 February, T. W. Wyman, of Stanstead, Conn., and Mary A. Carter.

## CHAPTER XXV.

## BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCHES.

REV. FREDERICK A. ADAMS

Was born in New Ipswich 19 July, 1807; graduated at Dartmouth College in 1833; married Mary Jane, daughter of Col. David McG. Means, 23 October, 1839. She died at Orange, N. J., 28 March, 1882.

After leaving Amherst he engaged in teaching in Byfield Academy; thence he removed to Orange, N. J., where he now resides. He has published several valuable text-books for use in schools. (See p. 301.)

REV. SILAS AIKEN

Spent his boyhood on his father's farm in Bedford, engaged in the ordinary labors of the farm, and, for a short time in the spring of each year, in tending a saw-mill which stood upon a brook that ran through the premises.

He grew up a strong and vigorous youth, who never felt weariness even in the heavy farm work during the summer heat. On this account, and for his love of work, he was selected by his father to succeed him on the farm.

But his life's work was destined to be done in another profession. At the age of nineteen he decided to prepare himself for the ministry. After having pretty thoroughly mastered the rudiments of Latin at home, he went, with one of the students in Phillips Academy, at Andover, Mass., to enter that institution at the commencement of one of its academical years. He is described as being at that time of a large size, and possessed of great muscular strength. In scholarship, as in every thing else he undertook, his distinguishing characteristic was thoroughness, and he engaged with eagerness in the investigation of difficult questions. The same trait followed him through life. He entered Dartmouth College in 1821, and graduated the valedictorian of his class, in 1825. During his school vacations he supported himself by teaching school, and, while teaching a term in his native town, numbered Horace Greeley among his pupils.

After his graduation he was appointed tutor in the college, and retained that position three years. During this time he studied theology with President Tyler and Professor Howe.

He completed his studies for the ministry, and, while on a visit to his father, occupied the pulpit in his native town for a single Sabbath. An Amherst man, who was present, was so well pleased with his performance that upon his return home he induced his townsmen to send for him to preach as a candidate for settlement, as Mr. Lord was about to retire from the ministry to assume the charge of Dartmouth College. Mr. Lord received him and introduced him to his people, and the result was that he was ordained and installed as colleague pastor with Rev. Jeremiah Barnard, of the church in Amherst.

The ministry of Mr. Lord had prepared the way for that of his successor. The work was laid out, and the new pastor entered upon it with a zeal that knew no weariness or fatigue, and the results of his labors were soon apparent. In 1832, some sixty members were added to the church, and in 1835 a still larger number, the last additions being, to a great extent, from the young men and women of the town.

Having accepted an invitation to become the pastor of Park Street Church, in Boston, he resigned his pastorate in Amherst, and was dismissed 5 March, 1837. He then entered upon his new field of labor, which he occupied twelve years, his ministry in Boston being marked by his usual zeal and thoroughness. Finally he desired a release from the care of so important a parish, and tendered his resignation, which was accepted. He was installed pastor of the church in Rutland, Vt., 29 March, 1849, where he labored with his accustomed earnestness and success until 1859, when a colleague was settled to share the burdens of his office. Three years later he was constrained, by increasing infirmities, to retire from the work altogether. After he retired from the ministry, the reorganization of the common schools in Rutland was placed in his hands, and the people of that town are largely indebted to him for the excellent school system they now enjoy.

In June, 1868, he visited Amherst and preached to the people of his first charge, their children and successors, for the last time. During the summer of that year, while engaged in gathering hay, he was affected with something like a sun-stroke. From that time forward his health gradually declined until his death.

In addition to his other labors he was one of the trustees of Dartmouth College several years. He received the degree of D. D. from the University of Vermont.

A friend described him as having been one of the best remaining specimens of the old-fashioned, healthful, and conservative virtue of New England. He was wise in advance of his generation; studious

of principles rather than of expedients, of tendencies rather than of accidents, flaws and their natural issues rather than speculations, conceits and possibilities; a true man, and one of God's paradoxes; strongest in weakness, richest in poverty, brightest in obscurity, and most eloquent in the silence of the grave. (See pp. 298, 482: V.)

DR. SETH AMES,

Son of Dr. Nathaniel Ames, was born in Dedham, Mass., 14 February, 1742; graduated at Harvard College in 1764; studied medicine, and settled in Amherst where he practiced some years with great success.

His health finally failed, owing, it is said, to an excessive use of snuff, and he returned to Dedham where he died 1 January, 1778.

Fisher Ames, the celebrated Federal orator and statesman, and Dr. Nathaniel Ames, jr., a noted physician, almanac publisher, and Republican politician, were brothers of Dr. Ames. (See p. 469.)



HON. JOSHUA ATHERTON

Numbered among his classmates at Harvard, Elbridge Gerry, Jeremy Belknap and other distinguished men. While residing in Litchfield and Merrimack he was intimate with Col. Lutwyche, a retired colonel of the British army, a man of means, of refined tastes, acquainted with the world, and used to good society.

Having received the appointment of Register of Probate for Hillsborough county, Mr. Atherton removed from Merrimack to Amherst in the summer of 1773, and was soon busily engaged in the practice of his profession. In a short time, however, as the dispute between the mother country and her American colonies increased in bitterness, as he was an open and avowed loyalist, he fell under the popular displeasure.

In common with many other well-informed men of his time, he was not insensible of the wrongs inflicted upon the colonies by the British government, but saw no prospect of their redress by an appeal to arms. His profession, too, was an unpopular one, and it was an easy matter for the leaders in the new movement to excite the people against him. It is also noticeable that much of the persecution to which he was subjected had its origin in towns adjoining Amherst, rather than among his townsmen.

An account of a visit to him by a party of the inhabitants of Bedford, and others, in the autumn of 1774, has been preserved among the

papers of Matthew Patten, Esq., which, as it illustrates the feelings and customs of the times, we give in Mr. Patten's words :

"September 19, 1774, I attended a town-meeting, at evening, and the people intended to go to Amherst to visit Mr. Atherton, who insisted on my going with them. They told me *I must and should go*; that if I did not, they would visit *me*, and which I said I would go, 20th. I went to Amherst and about 300 men assembled and chose a committee who went to Mr. Atherton and he came to the people to the court house, and he signed a Declaration and read it to the people who accepted it. He invited them to go to Mr. Hildreth's and drink what they pleased. The people dispersed about midnight without doing any Outrageous act. I stayed till morning."

The declaration alluded to was as follows :

"Whereas there has been much said against me of my not being a Son of Liberty, and not being willing to choose a person to meet at Exeter in order to choose a Committee to meet at the General Congress, to be holden in the City of Philadelphia, I now say I am, and ever have been, a friend to the liberties of America, and have ever thought that a General Congress was the most eligible means of obtaining a Redress from the grievances we labor under. And I am ready to conform to and acquiesce in whatever the General Congress, now met at Philadelphia, agrees upon. And as it has been Reported that I took down a number of names in a town-meeting, held at Amherst for chusing a Delegate to meet at said Exeter, I do declare I never did take down any person's name at said meeting who voted for the same, and If I mentioned any such thing, I never intended to take any advantage of said persons or to Injure them in any manner whatever.

Whereas it has been Represented that I have taken or engrossed too much fees in my office of Attorney at Law, and also of the Registry of Probate office, I do Declare I am sorry for any thing I have done wrong in Either of said offices, and am Ready and willing to make full restitution for any misconduct of mine to John Neall, John Stark, and Lt. Asa Patten, or Either two of them, and I do hereby promise to pay any sum of money to any person or persons on demand with the Cost of determining the same that said Committee shall say I have wronged them off. And in Case any person or persons shall bring a false accusation against me they are to pay me Damage and costs. As to building a new Courthouse in the town of Amherst, I never voted for the same and am willing it should Remain where it is.

JOSHUA ATHERTON.

Sworn to be the sentiments of his heart,

Before Matthew Patten, Justice of the Peace."

Notwithstanding this declaration, parties still continued to visit him. On one occasion, it is said, he was pelted with rotten eggs while occupying a stand on a molasses hogshead, near the corner of the old meeting-house; but these indignities did not cure him of his loyalty, or cause him to leave the country. In April, 1776, he refused to sign the "Association Test Paper," when it was presented to him. At last he was disarmed, his favorite fowling-piece being taken from him, and, later, he was placed in confinement in Exeter jail as a disaffected person whose presence at large would be dangerous to the liberties of the country. Some indulgences, however, were granted him, as we find the Committee of Safety, 21 August, 1777, ordering the prison-keeper to "let Joshua Atherton have the liberty of the yard, he procuring sufficient bondsmen in the sum of £500, and to be under the care of the guard." This indulgence was granted on account of the very bad state of his health. 10 September, 1777, the committee gave the jail-keeper permission to liberate Joshua Atherton, Esq., from confinement, and directed said Atherton to take private lodging in the thickly settled part of Exeter, and to confine himself within twenty rods of said lodging at all times except when he rode forth agreeable to former license.

11 October, 1777, a written order was sent him to confine himself within ten rods of his lodgings.

He was transferred from Exeter to Amherst as soon as the jail in the latter place was prepared to receive prisoners. Here he met with better treatment, as he was allowed by the jailer to spend his nights at home with his family.

5 June, 1778, he was liberated from confinement on his recognizance to appear before the supreme court of judicature at its next session, then and there to answer to all things that might be objected against him, and also giving bonds to be of good behavior in the meantime. At the time appointed he appeared and was discharged from his recognizance by the court which consisted of Meshech Weare, Matthew Thornton and Leverett Hubbard.

At the January term of the inferior court, in 1779, he took the oath of allegiance, and the attorney's oath, and was admitted to practice. He was also admitted to practice in the superior court at its session in 1779, upon taking the required oaths, notwithstanding remonstrances were presented from New Boston and Lyndeborough. His business soon after became abundant and lucrative. The good will of his fellow-citizens began to return to him. He took an active part in the ordination of Mr. Barnard, in 1780. In 1783 he was chosen a delegate to the convention that formed the first permanent constitution of the



state. In this convention he took an active part, and was a firm advocate of the bill of rights.

In 1788 he was chosen a delegate to the convention to ratify or reject the proposed constitution of the United States. Acting upon his own convictions of right and the instructions of his constituents, he opposed its ratification.

In 1792 he was appointed a delegate to the convention called to revise the state constitution, adopted in 1783. After several sessions the work of this convention resulted in the amended constitution adopted by the people in 1792, which remained unchanged for nearly sixty years.

In 1793 and 1794 he served as senator in the state legislature, and in the latter year received the appointment of Attorney General of the state. At this time many young men resorted to his office for instruction in their chosen profession—William Plumer, William Coleman, afterward of the *New York Evening Post*, and William Gordon, being among the number.

After the new administration of the affairs of the country under the Federal government had gone into operation, and had exhibited proofs of a steady, wise, and firm rule over the whole country, he became one of its firmest supporters.

In 1798 he was appointed a commissioner for the county of Hillsborough, under the act passed by congress 9 July of that year, providing for the valuation of lands, dwelling-houses, &c., in the United States, with a view to the levying and collecting direct taxes for the support of government. This act was an exceedingly unpopular one, and his acceptance of office under it revived all the old ill-will against him. He, however, discharged the duties of the office, and had the honor of being hung in effigy at Deering. His health and mental vigor becoming impaired, he resigned the office of Attorney General, in 1800, and thenceforth devoted himself to the pursuits of a private citizen. (See p. 487 : IV.)

#### HON. CHARLES HUMPHREY ATHERTON

Occupied a prominent place in the Hillsborough county bar for nearly fifty years. He was a prudent and judicious counselor, and a faithful advocate. As a probate lawyer he had few equals, and no superiors in the state.

He represented the town in the general court in 1823, 1838, and 1839, and served many years on the superintending school committee of the town, ever manifesting a deep interest in the prosperity of its common schools.

He was one of the founders of the Hillsborough County Agricultural Society, in 1819, and exerted himself in the efforts made for the advancement of the agricultural and manufacturing interests of the county.

Mr. Atherton was one of the directors of the ill-fated Hillsborough Bank, and upon the organization of the Farmers' Bank, in 1825, he was chosen one of its directors. Subsequently he was elected president of the board of directors, and held the office during the whole period of the existence of the corporation.

He became a Master Mason 20 February, 1798, and was afterward, for three years, Master of Benevolent Lodge No. 7.

In his religious belief he was a Unitarian, of the Channing school. He took an active part in the local Unitarian controversy, in the establishment of the "Christian Society" and the settlement of Mr. Sewall as its pastor, in 1825.

Politically he was a Federalist, of the school of Washington and Hamilton. After the breaking up of the old political parties he acted with the "National Republican" and "Whig" parties, of which last he was a somewhat prominent member.

In historical and antiquarian researches he took a great interest. He became a member of the New Hampshire Historical Society soon after its formation, and subsequently served two years as its president, contributing several valuable papers to its collections.

By industry and economy he accumulated one of the largest estates ever left in Amherst. (See p. 488: V.)

HON. CHARLES GORDON ATHERTON

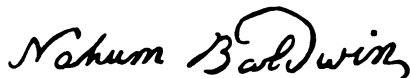
Graduated at Harvard College in 1822; studied law and commenced practice in Nashua village in 1825. He early engaged in politics, and identified himself with the Democratic party, to which he adhered through life.

In 1830, 3, 4, 5 and 6, he was a member of the house of representatives from Dunstable, and for the four last years served as speaker.

In 1837 he was elected to Congress. On the 10th day of December, 1838, he introduced what was called the "Gag" rule into the House, which provided that all petitions for the abolition of slavery should be laid upon the table, and no further action taken upon them. This rule continued in force until 1845, and provoked much discussion in and out of Congress.

In 1843 he was elected to the Senate, in which he served a full term of six years. He was again elected in 1852, and died in office.

He stood high in his profession as a counselor and advocate, and occupied a respectable position among the able Democratic statesmen of his time. (See p. 488: 14.)



## COL. NAHUM BALDWIN

Was for some years a prominent citizen of Amherst. He served as town-clerk, selectman, and representative, and was for a long time one of the officers of the church.

In the autumn of 1776 he commanded a regiment sent to reinforce the army in northern New York, and took part in the battle at White Plains.

A tradition had been handed down that he and several others were once taken prisoners by the Indians. Two of the savages, with hatchets in their hands, would lead one of the prisoners to the top of a precipice, near by, down which they would throw his remains, after dispatching him. Not relishing the idea of being disposed of in this manner, Baldwin broke away from his captors, leaving his only remaining garment in their possession, and ran for his life.

The Indians threw their hatchets after him, which passed near his head, but fortunately missed him. After running about twelve miles he reached a place of safety. (See p. 491.)

## JOSEPH BARKER

Came to Amherst in 1778 or 1779, and learned the house-wright's trade of his father, Dea. Ephraim Barker.

He was noted for his feats in boxing and wrestling, which attracted the attention of Sheriff Kelley, who delighted in such sports, and encouraged him in them. He abounded in fun, and had a keen sense of the ludicrous, which was often the source of much amusement to his companions.

While living in Amherst one of his neighbors, a cross-grained, crabbed old man, whom nobody liked, had a mare which roamed about the village, annoying the neighbors by her depredations in their yards and gardens. She one day made her appearance near a house where Barker was engaged in doing a job of white-washing. Thinking that a coat of white-wash might improve her appearance, he caught her, and administered it. On being liberated she went home, but her owner, not recognizing his beast, drove her away with stones and curses. The next time she appeared he set his dog upon her, wondering why she was so persistent in her calls.

He soon missed his mare, and commenced a search for her which was unsuccessful until the white-wash began to wear off, when he dis-

covered, to his great disgust, that he had for some days been starving and abusing his own beast.

In the autumn of 1789, Barker removed, with his father-in-law, Capt. William Dana, to Marietta, Ohio. The journey of seven hundred miles was made in wagons drawn by oxen. A cow which accompanied them furnished milk for the family.

An Indian war broke out in Ohio, in 1791, which was not finally closed until 1795. After the close of the war he commenced clearing a tract of land about seven miles above Marietta. To this place he moved his family, in December of that year. In January, 1797, he lost most of his tools, materials for clothing, and bread stuffs, by a fire which consumed the cabin in which they were stored.

After this misfortune he carried on the building business in Marietta some years. In 1799 and 1800 he built the splendid residence of Mr. Blennerhasset on the island in the Ohio river now known by the name of its former owner.

Ship-building was commenced at Marietta and on the Muskingum river in 1800. In this new business he took an active part. In 1802 he built two vessels on his farm, and in 1803 one. In 1806 he was employed by Blennerhasset to build fifteen large batteaux to be used in the famous expedition of Col. Aaron Burr.

During this time he held several public offices, the duties of which he discharged to the satisfaction of his constituents. In 1830 he was elected an associate judge of the court of common pleas, and at the expiration of the term he was re-elected. This office he held until 1842, when, owing to the failure of his health, he retired. He died in September, 1843, and was almost the last survivor of the first settlers of the state of Ohio.

Nine of ten children survived him, and most of them had large families. (See p. 493 : 4.)

#### REV. JEREMIAH BARNARD.

The following notice of Mr. Barnard appeared in the *Boston Centinel*, shortly after his death in January, 1835 :

"Died in Amherst, N. H., on the 15th inst., the Rev. Jeremiah Barnard, aged 84, senior pastor of the Congregational church in that town.

"This aged servant of the Most High commenced his ministerial career in the vicinity of this city, in the most trying period of the Revolution, and by his prayers and patriotic sentiments contributed to encourage the Christian patriots who distinguished themselves at Lexington, Concord, and Bunker Hill.

"In 1780 he was associated with the Rev. Daniel Wilkins as joint pastor of the church and society in Amherst, and, after a happy and

harmonious association of four years, by the death of Mr. Wilkins, the arduous and responsible duties of sole pastor devolved on Mr. Barnard. He continued solely to discharge these duties with uninterrupted zeal and fidelity for more than thirty years, in course of which the society were united and made honorable progress in moral and religious improvement from year to year, and were distinguished for harmony and social order.

"In 1816, in consequence of his advanced years and infirmities, Rev. Mr. Lord was associated with him as colleague, which relieved him of a portion of the burden of his pastoral duties in his declining years. Till within a few years, however, he continued to visit the sick, and administered to the distressed. Although the mighty hand of time had impaired his physical and intellectual energies, it had not diminished the benevolence of a Christian and philanthropic heart. The religion of Mr. Barnard was deep-rooted, though cheerful, fervent without austerity. It was, indeed, a religion of the heart—pure, social, and unaffected.

"He was listened to with respect as a Christian teacher; he was respected for his good sense, and beloved as a friend.

"After a ministry of fifty-five years, in the fullness of time, he has been gathered to his fathers, and he will long be remembered with respect by his society, particularly those who are old enough to know him as he was before age had impaired his bodily faculties and dimmed his mind." (See pp. 263, 287, 495: 1.)

#### DR. PUTNAM BARRON

Received his name from Gen. Israel Putnam, a near relative of his grandmother, Hannah (Putnam) Hutchinson, wife of the first town-clerk of Amherst.

After receiving a good common-school education, and a partial course at Dartmouth College, he studied medicine under the direction of Dr. Matthias Spalding, of Amherst, and Dr. Jennison, of Hartland, Vt. He commenced practice in Charlestown, in 1818, where he continued twenty years, when he removed to Ohio, where, after practicing in several places, he settled in Edinburgh, Portage county, in 1841. There he remained until 1865, when he removed to Ravenna, and resided with his daughter. In 1871 he was prostrated by paralysis, from which he never recovered. He died 16 March, 1872.

He was an active member of the Episcopal church, to which he was greatly attached, and died leaving an honorable record as a good physician, and a worthy man. (See p. 494: 11.)

#### DR. BRADLEY H. BARTLETT,

Son of Richard and Olive Bartlett, was born in Grantham, studied medicine with Drs. Charles E. Berry and John Wheeler, of Pittsfield, and at the Pennsylvania University of Medicine and Surgery. He practiced in Manchester and Pittsfield, and as a surgeon in the army

He was during the civil war. He came to Amherst in February, soon secured quite a practice. In October, 1876, he was stricken with paralysis, after which he gradually failed until his death, occurred 29 December, 1878, at the age of 49 years and nine months.

During his residence in Amherst he served on the superintending committee, and as moderator of one of the annual town meetings. He was a whole-souled man, of a social nature, of liberal views, a warm, public-spirited citizen.

#### DR. JOHN PUTNAM BATCHELDER,

born in New York city 7 April, 1808, was the only son of Archelaus and Mary (Putnam) Batchelder. His father, who was in the war for independence, resided in Amherst many years, and died there in December, 1823, at the age of 81 years. His mother was the daughter of Gen. Rufus Putnam, another revolutionary officer, one of the first settlers of the state of Ohio.

Dr. Batchelder commenced the study of his profession under the tutelage of Dr. Samuel Fitch, of Greenfield, and afterward studied with Dr. Matthias Spalding, in Amherst. He received a medical diploma in June, 1807, and after attending a course of lectures at the Medical School, at Cambridge, received the degree of Doctor of Medicine from Harvard University, in 1815.

He practiced a few years in Charlestown, and in 1817 was appointed Professor of Anatomy in Castleton, Vt., Medical College. Subsequently he was appointed Professor of Surgical Anatomy in the Medical College at Pittsfield, Mass., to which place he removed from Charlestown. After a few years he removed to Utica, N. Y., which he eventually left, and for the last twenty-five years of his life he resided in New York city.

He was highly successful in his profession and performed many difficult operations with remarkable success.

#### WILLIAM BIGLOW,

born in Amherst, Mass., in 1808, graduated from Harvard University, in the class with Hon. Charles H. Johnson, and was for a short time the editor of the *Village Messenger* in Amherst. He while pursuing the study of divinity, under the direction of Rev. Amos A. Ayer, of Lancaster, Mass. He was quite a favorite with the people of the place during his residence here, and made a very interesting and awake paper of the *Messenger* during his connection with it.

After leaving Amherst he engaged in teaching a private classical school in Amherst, Mass., preaching occasionally on the Sabbath. From

Salem he removed to Boston, where he had charge of the Boston Latin School, having Edward Everett, N. L. Frothingham, and Charles Curtis, among his pupils. He frequently preached in the Brattle-square, and Hollis-street churches. During this time he published several text books for use in schools, which were much used. 1830 he published a history of Natick, and later, one of Sherborn, Mass.

His health finally failed, and he removed to Maine where he taught school and wrote for newspapers and magazines.

Toward the close of his life he returned to Boston, where he found employment as a proof-reader in various printing offices. While engaged in this business he was seized with apoplexy, which resulted in death in a few days.

He was born in Natick, 22 November, 1773 ; died in Boston 12 January, 1844.

#### RICHARD BOYLSTON

Served a four years' apprenticeship in the office of the *Federal Spy*, Springfield, Mass., and finished his trade in the office of the *Boston Centinel*, where he was employed seven years under the direction of Maj. Ben. Russell.

Early in 1809 he came to Amherst, in answer to an advertisement for a journeyman printer, to take the place of Isaac Hill, who was about to graduate from the *Cabinet* office.

After presenting his "credentials," he was engaged and assigned a place beside the future governor, who left shortly after, and, on the 1st day of April, 1809, commenced his career as editor and publisher of the *New Hampshire Patriot*.

In the autumn of that year the proprietor of the *Cabinet* office came involved in the failure of the Hillsborough Bank, of which he was one of the directors, and to avoid doing worse left town somewhat suddenly, and located himself in Baltimore, Md., where the remainder of his life was spent.

Previous to his leaving he called Mr. Boylston to him, and, after telling him frankly of his plans, offered him his printing establishment with the book-store, at that time the only one in the county, on equal terms assuring him that with proper care and management there was every prospect of doing a successful business. To this offer he required an answer early on the following morning, as circumstances would admit of no delay.

For some time the young journeyman knew not what to say. He was young, without capital, or a proper education, his school days having terminated when he was twelve years of age. What could he do

After hours of anxious thought the time arrived. An affirmative answer was given, and Mr. Cushing departed to his new home.

The first number of the *Cabinet* under Mr. Boylston's direction was issued 10 October, 1809, and from that time his success was assured. For ten years the paper had no rival in the county. Being located at the county seat it had a large advertising patronage, beside which, a large amount of job work was done in the office. The proprietor also had nearly all the book trade in the county. Large invoices of school books were bought and sold at a satisfactory profit, and before a long time had elapsed Mr. Cushing's claim was paid in full.

In 1810 Mr. Boylston married, and again he was fortunate. His wife, a niece of Paul Revere, of Revolutionary fame, proved to be a helpmeet indeed. Her husband, in his old age, said, "To her efficient help and wise management of all the family concerns I owe all my after prosperity and success in life." Of her, also, a graduate of the *Cabinet* office, for some years an inmate of the family, said, when more than eighty years of age, "Mother Boylston was, emphatically, the editor's 'better half.'"

And so time passed away. Under his management the *Cabinet* maintained a respectable standing among the journals of its time, and had quite an extensive circulation.

As his means increased Mr. Boylston was ready to engage in enterprises that promised to benefit the place of his residence. He was one of the first to advocate the building of a railroad to Amherst, the building of a steam mill, and kindred enterprises. He early took decided grounds in favor of the temperance movement and the improvement of the common schools. For many years he was a member of the Congregational church, and was repeatedly elected one of its officers, but invariably declined the acceptance of the charge. He served on the superintending school committee several years, and, in 1844, 45 and 46, represented the town in the general court. (See p. 515 : 29.)

#### MAJOR WILLIAM BRADFORD

Was a sergeant in Capt. Crosby's company on Bunker Hill, and an ensign in Capt. Wilkins's company at the "Cedars," where he was taken prisoner and abused by the Indians. He afterward served as a lieutenant in the Continental army.

He took an active part in the organization of the second parish, and the incorporation of the town of Mont Vernon, of which he was the first representative in the general court.

In 1812 he received a major's commission in the first regiment N. H. Volunteers, but this organization was soon disbanded, and he retired



from the service. Shortly after he removed to Barre, Vt., where died in 1816. (See p. 517 : 7.)

#### CAPTAIN JOHN BRADFORD

Was second lieutenant in Captain Benjamin Taylor's company Winter Hill, in the winter of 1775-6. He commanded the Amb company in the battle of Bennington, and was in the thickest of fight, being the second man to scale the Hessian breastwork. In 1 he served as adjutant of Col. Nichols's regiment in Rhode Island.

About 1800 he removed to Hancock, where he died 27 June, 1830 the age of 93 years. (See p. 518 : 29.)

#### REV. EPHRAIM PUTNAM BRADFORD

Graduated at Harvard College in 1803, in the class with Rev. Natl Parker, of Portsmouth, Dr. Edward Payson, of Portland, Judge Jos Butler, of Deerfield, and other noted men. He was ordained and stilled pastor of the Presbyterian church in New Boston 23 Febru: 1806, which office he most acceptably filled until his death, which curred 14 December, 1845.

Rev. Silas Aiken wrote of him, "He was literally one of natu noblemen, of princely person, with a sonorous, commanding voice, ceptionally fluent and accurate in speech, so richly gifted in mind a heart that, with little preparation, he stood among the first preachers the state."

A constitutional lack of ambition and energy alone prevented advancement to the highest positions attainable by men of his 1 fession.

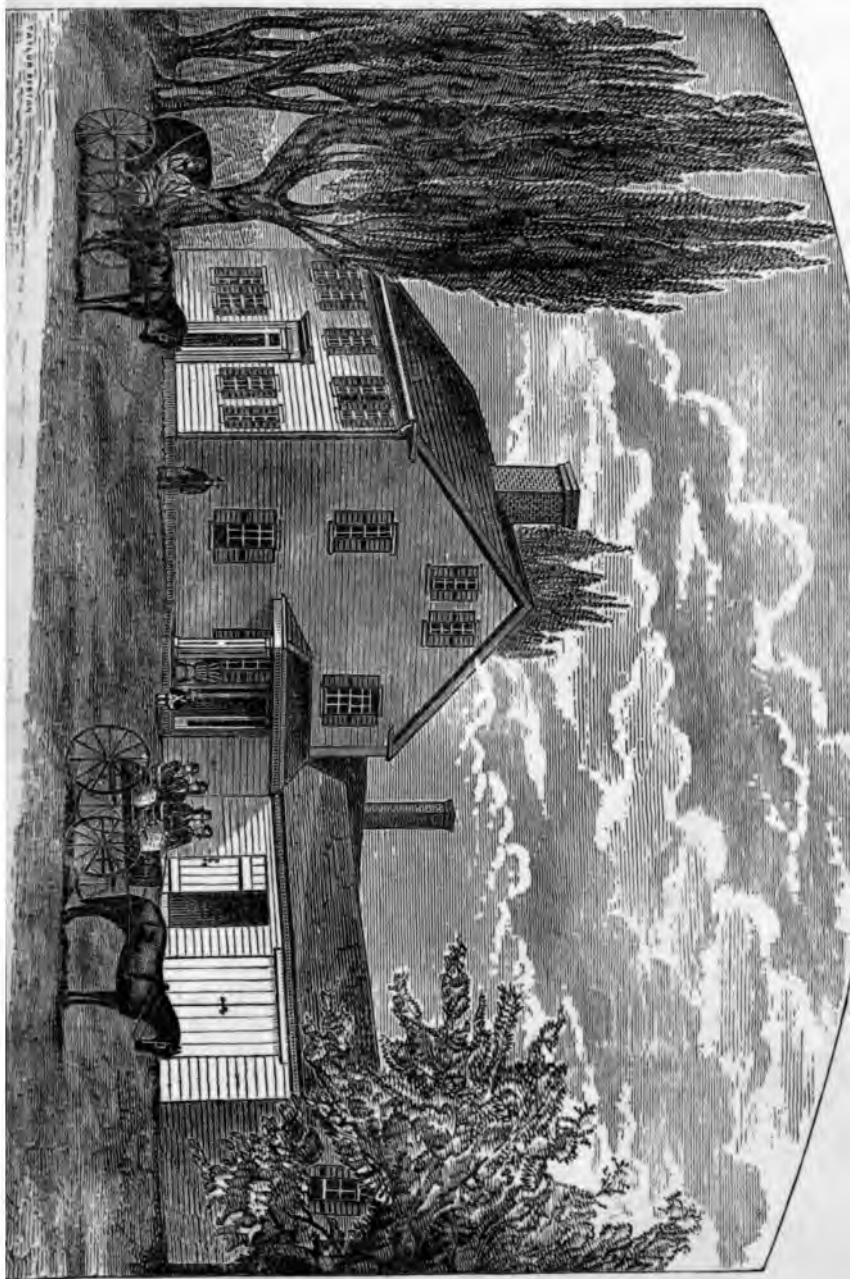
He was one of the kindest and best of men—a peace-maker and a people of strong arms and iron wills. His company was sought all, and his death was sincerely lamented. (See p. 519 : 43.)

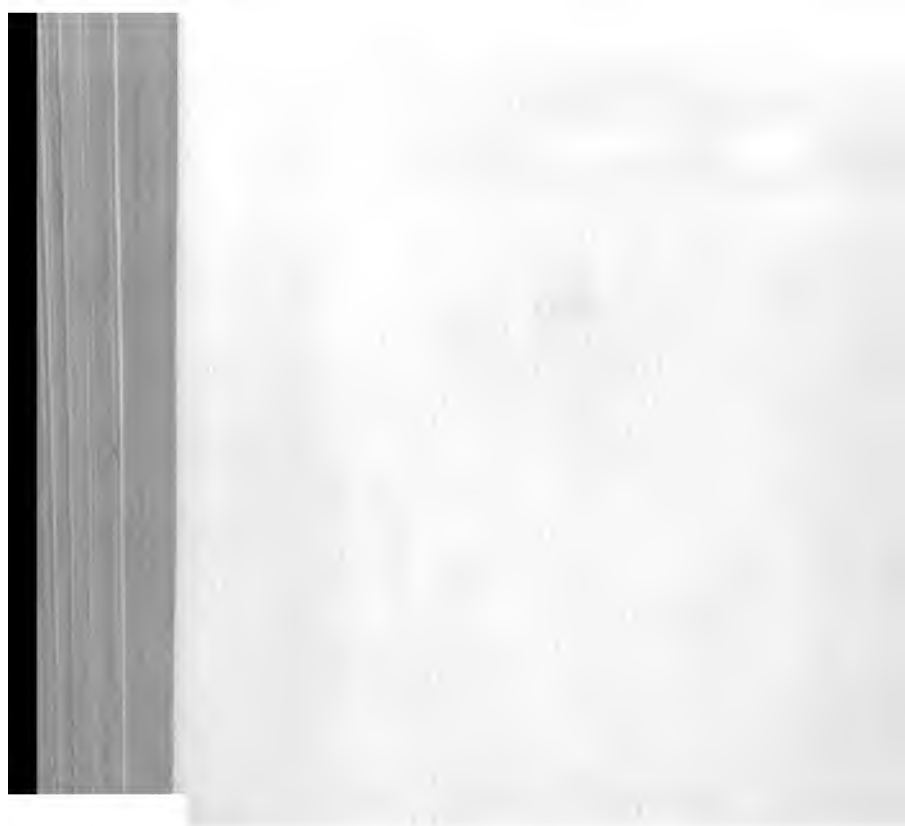
#### JOHN BRADFORD,

Son of Rev. E. P. Bradford, was born in New Boston in 1815; serv as a clerk in the store of Stewart & Lawrence and Aaron Lawrence Co., several years, where he was held in high esteem by his employ and acquaintances. He afterward settled in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, where, with some of his brothers, he engaged in mercantile pursui In a few years he acquired a competency, retired from business, a devoted his time to the management of his estate. He died at Milwaukee 3 May, 1879.

#### ISAAC BROOKS, ESQ.,

Spent a few months in the early part of the year 1776 with Dr. Joel Hale, of Hollis, afterward a surgeon in the army of the Revolutio





He then returned to his native town, where he was chosen town-clerk in 1793. Leaving Woburn he taught school in Merrimack, Wilton, Temple, and Amherst. For some time he was employed in a store in Wilton.

In the summer and autumn of 1802 he was employed as a clerk in the office of the register of deeds for Hillsborough county, and, on the resignation of the register, in October, 1802, he was appointed to fill the vacancy, and took the oath of office 9 October, 1802. Shortly after he purchased the house now owned by his grandson, Isaac B. Dodge, Esq., into which he moved with his family, and in which the county records were kept during the term of his occupancy of the office, which extended to September, 1828.

He was emphatically the man for the place he so long filled, being an excellent penman, and scrupulously exact in the transaction of business. The people of the county showed their appreciation of his services by re-electing him to the office, year after year, when a majority of them were politically opposed to him.

Through his whole life he was a victim of a sort of nervous hypochondria, and fancied himself troubled with about all the ills that flesh is heir to, for the cure of which he was perpetually dosing himself with medicines and cure-alls, which accumulated in his house in quantities almost sufficient to stock an ordinary drug store. (See p. 520 : 1.)

#### CAPT. ELI BROWN,

A retired sea captain, in comfortable circumstances, settled in Amherst about 1800, and was for some years one of its prominent citizens. He invested a considerable portion of his property in the Hillsborough Bank, and lost heavily by its failure. These losses seemed to embitter him against many with whom he came in contact. Editor Boylston fell under his displeasure, and he denounced him in no gentle terms in the columns of the *Patriot*. He also published a terribly bitter pamphlet against Hon. Samuel Bell, the president of the bank. At the commencement of the war of 1812 he volunteered his services to the government, and, after the departure of Commodore Perry to Lake Erie, was placed in command of the fleet of gunboats on the coast of New England until the close of the war. He then retired on half pay, and died in 1820, leaving a widow and five children. Of these,

#### JOHN L. BROWN,

The eldest son, learned the blacksmith's trade of Capt. William Bruce, in Mont Vernon. When he had finished his apprenticeship he went to Boston and found employment in a scale manufactory, as a finisher. His health failing, he went to New Orleans in 1831, where he remained

one year. He then commenced the manufacture of scales in New York, and the excellence of his products creating a large demand, he soon built up an extensive and remunerative business. He was a contractor on many of the public works in New York city, including paving, sewerage, sweeping streets, &c.

He was born in Amherst 7 August, 1805; died in New York city 28 March, 1875. He accumulated a large estate, and left a widow and one son.

GEN. JOEL BROWN,

A native of Hollis, commenced his business life in Amherst, in 1824, in the store now occupied by Mr. A. W. Sawyer. Here he remained some six or seven years. He then removed to Peterborough, where he carried on an extensive mercantile business for some time. Meeting with reverses he relinquished business at Peterborough, and was afterward, for eighteen years, commencing in 1850, employed as agent for the iron works at Brady's Bend, Pa.

While residing in Peterborough he became interested in military affairs, and was at one time major-general of the 3d division of New Hampshire militia.

He finally returned to Amherst and resided with his brother on the birth-place of Horace Greeley, where he died 25 March, 1878, at the age of 82 years. He never married.

He was an earnest, whole-souled man, who had a host of friends and but few enemies.

REV. JOHN BRUCE.

The following account of Mr. Bruce is taken mainly from a sketch of his life and character prepared by Dr. Rogers Smith:

Mr. Bruce entered Dartmouth College in 1777, and graduated in 1781. He went through the usual course of study with reputation to himself, and to the satisfaction of his instructors, and, by his teachable disposition, gentleness of manners, mild, serious, and dutiful behavior in all respects, obtained, it is said, from the highest authority in his college, the distinguishing appellation of "good Mr. Bruce."

Soon after leaving college he commenced the study of divinity, which he pursued the usual time, and, being regularly examined and licensed, he commenced the gospel ministry. After preaching as a candidate in several places, he received and accepted a call to the pastoral care of the church in the north-west parish of Amherst, now Mont Vernon, where he was ordained and installed 3 November, 1785. There he continued in the faithful discharge of the duties of his office until his death.

Although his stature was considerably above the medium size, and was well-proportioned, his constitution was not firm and robust, being enfeebled, probably, by a sedentary life and study. For several years before his death his health sensibly decayed, and for more than a year he was afflicted with the almost total loss of the sight of one

perhaps he would not have been ranked among the first in point of talents, but any inferiority in this respect was more than compensated by the goodness of his heart and the purity of his morals. He was a man of solid sense, and his literary acquirements were by no means without mediocrity.

In his religious sentiments he was strictly Calvinistic, of the Congregational order, but controversial divinity occupied but a small part of his attention, and his hearers were never perplexed with fine-spun speculations. His preaching was plain, serious, and practical. It was directed to the understanding and the heart, instead of the imagination and the passions, and was always accompanied with convincing evidence of a deep impression on his own mind of its infinite importance.

His patience was unwearyed, and his exertions unceasing to promote the advancement of the kingdom of his Divine Master on the earth, his labors were blessed to the conversion of many souls.

He was meek, pious, and humble; kind and gentle, and possessed in an eminent degree of that charity which "suffereth long and is kind." Among the most distinguishing traits in his character, aside from these, were his prudence and discretion. He was eminently entitled to be called a peace-maker. All who knew him loved and revered him. As a parent he was kind and indulgent; as a neighbor, friendly and amiable; as a citizen, patriotic; and as a Christian, true and sincere. (See pp. 73, 521: 1.)



DANIEL CAMPBELL, ESQ.,

One of the stalwart men of his time, for many years a prominent citizen of the town, settled here permanently in the spring of 1761. He

With his wife traveled on foot from Londonderry to Lutwych's ferry, where they crossed the Merrimack river in a log boat, and thence proceeded to their new home in Amherst.

His manner of living was plain, his habits regular, and he was temperate in all things. He rose with the sun and retired early.

In his time the use of ardent spirits was common on all occasions but a wine-glass full twice a day sufficed him, and an invitation to partake of more was always declined.

For many years he was much employed as a surveyor of land, and by that means he acquired a better knowledge of the farms and lots of the town than was possessed by any other person.

The town of Hillsborough was surveyed and divided into lots in his direction, and the adjoining town of Windsor received its first name, "Campbell's Gore," from him.

In 1766 he received a commission as coroner from Governor Wentworth, which office he filled a long time under both the provincial and state governments.

He served on the board of selectmen thirteen years, and was, fifty years before his death, the senior survivor of those who had served in that capacity. He was, also, the last survivor of the town officers elected prior to the Revolution.

He was one of the four citizens of the town who refused to sign the "Association Test paper" in 1776, as he doubted the ability of the colonies to resist successfully, by arms, the claims of the mother country. His townsmen, much to their credit, respected his opinions, and he was not molested on their account.

He was a man of iron frame and strong will, possessed of decided convictions, and ever ready to express them fully and freely.

In early life he was a decided Presbyterian, but shortly after the commencement of Dr. Lord's ministry he joined with others in the movement which resulted in the establishment of the Unitarian society in Amherst, to which he adhered during the remainder of his life.

He retained his physical and mental vigor wonderfully. After he had passed his ninety-eighth year he held a breaking-up plow a long distance, his son and grandson walking on either side of him as sort of body-guard to assist him in case of accident.

In his old age he was a great reader, and kept well posted in the current events of the day. He was quite a politician, and retained his interest in town and state matters to the last. The spring before his death he attended the annual March meeting, the largest ever held in the town, and voted the "Whig" ticket. He was the oldest man who ever deceased in Amherst. (See p. 526 : 7.)

#### CAPT. DANIEL CAMPBELL, JR.

Taught school for a succession of winters in Amherst and the adjacent towns. He was a competent land surveyor, coroner for the county of Hillsborough, a director of the Farmers' Bank, served twelve years of







*Charles H. Campbell*

**CHAPTER XXIII. - 1812.**

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*Charles H. Condit*

the board of selectmen, represented the town two years in the general court, and was moderator of the annual town meetings three years.

He passed his entire life on the homestead on which he was born, which he managed to advantage and profit, being one of the most successful stock-growers and farmers in town.

He was a man of probity and integrity, conservative, but ever loyal to his convictions, of sound judgment in business matters, deliberate in action, and worthy of the confidence reposed in him by his fellow-citizens. (See p. 527: 11.)

HON. CHARLES H. CAMPBELL

Received his education at the district school, and attended an academy a few terms; commenced teaching at sixteen years of age, which vocation he followed in the winter for several years. He labored on the home farm, succeeding his father in its management; was engaged quite largely in the cattle trade, and as a public salesman of real estate and other property; served as moderator of the annual town meeting nine years; on the board of selectmen one year; and represented the town in the legislature five years. In 1864 he was chairman of the committee on finance, in the House of Representatives, that originated and reported the bill to "Provide for funding the State debt."

Having disposed of the greater part of his real estate in Amherst, he removed to Nashua in 1866, where he established the first real estate agency in the city, connecting therewith the auction business.

He represented the seventh senatorial district two years in the Senate, and, in 1872, was president of that body.

He now resides in Nashua, and is one of the leading auctioneers in the state. (See p. 527: 19.)

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "C. Claggett". The signature is written in dark ink and features a prominent, sweeping underline that extends to the right.

HON. CLIFTON CLAGGETT

Studied law under the direction of his father and commenced practice in Litchfield in 1787, whence he removed to Amherst in 1811. While residing in Litchfield he represented the town in the general court several years. In 1802, 1816, and 1818, he was elected a Representative to Congress. In 1810 he was appointed judge of probate for Hillsborough county, and held the office until September, 1812, when, having been appointed one of the judges of the superior court, he resigned. From

this last office he was removed, upon the reorganization of the court, by the Federal party the following year.

In 1828 he was appointed judge of probate for the county of Hillsborough, and held the office until his death.

Dr. John Farmer wrote of him, "Without any commanding powers, but with the possession of respectable attainments, Judge Claggett gave his constituents, and the public generally, that satisfaction which has not always been imparted by those of higher acquisitions, or by those of the most popular and splendid talents." (See p. 533 : 2.)



CAPT. JOSIAH CROSBY

Was a native of Billerica, Mass. Tradition says his father was killed by the Indians. At the age of fourteen or fifteen he was placed under the care of Joseph Fitch, of Bedford, Mass., to learn the mill-wright's trade.

In 1748 he was a soldier on the frontier, near Connecticut river. While there he and fifteen others, under the command of a lieutenant, were ordered to march from Fort Dummer to Fort Hinsdale. When within about a mile of their journey's end, the party fell into an ambush of about one hundred and twenty French and Indians, who arose and fired upon them. The party then separated, each man seeking his own safety. Two of the number escaped by secreting themselves, one reached Fort Hinsdale, and Crosby ran up the river toward Fort Dummer, followed by an Indian, who, coming up within a few rods, discharged his gun, the ball passing near him. Crosby then turned and fired at the Indian, who gave him no further trouble. He then pursued his way up the river, and, on coming opposite Fort Dummer, attempted to swim across, but before reaching the opposite shore his strength failed and he sunk. Some of the soldiers in the fort came to his assistance and rescued him. He and the three others above named were all of the party that escaped.

In 1753 he settled on a tract of land purchased of his wife's father, in that part of Monson which was afterward annexed to Amherst. In 1774, and some subsequent years, he was one of the selectmen of Amherst, and during some of the years of the Revolution he was one of its representatives in the general court and a member of the committee of safety.

Prior to the battle of Lexington a company of minute men was organized in town, of which he was chosen captain. After the com-

mencement of hostilities the company repaired to Cambridge, and, on the organization of the New Hampshire regiments, in May following, it became a part of the third regiment, and was placed under the command of Col. James Reed, of Fitzwilliam. It participated in the battle of Bunker Hill, and many of its members remained in the service until the evacuation of Boston by the British, the March following.

Capt. Crosby also commanded a company sent to reinforce General Sullivan in Rhode Island, in 1778. (See p. 548: 1.)

DR. SAMUEL CURTIS,

Son of Rev. Philip Curtis, of Sharon, Mass., graduated at Harvard College in 1766, being the eighteenth in a class of forty. He was a surgeon in the army of the Revolution, and received a pension the latter part of his life. He commenced practice in Amherst in 1789, but in a few years gave up his professional business for that of an innkeeper. He also kept an apothecaries' shop in his tavern. He was the compiler of "Curtis' Pocket Almanac and New Hampshire Register," which was published annually from 1800 to 1809 inclusive, and several other works. (See p. 552: 1.)

JOSEPH CUSHING

Commenced the publication of the *Farmers' Cabinet* 11 November, 1802, and continued it until the close of volume VII, 3 October, 1809, when he sold the establishment to Richard Boylston. He afterward established himself in Baltimore. His successor in the *Cabinet* office said of him, "He began business in this place with small means, and pursued it here and elsewhere energetically until he became a rich and honored man. Before leaving Amherst he had purposed to increase his business by entering more largely into the printing, publishing, and selling of books. With this in view he had erected the large brick building on the Plain which was to be occupied for the purpose. After settling in Baltimore he entered largely into book-selling, and supplied the western trade in large quantities. He was a man of good natural and acquired ability, and possessed talents which fitted him for public positions. These, however, he generally declined, believing a well-conducted private station to be the highest post of honor."

For some years, near the close of his life, he was president of a savings bank, which office he filled with credit to himself and to the satisfaction of those whose savings were entrusted to his care.

Being of a social, generous, and very hospitable disposition, he was much respected while residing in Amherst. (See p. 553.)

## HON. SAMUEL DANA

Entered the freshman class of Harvard College at the age of twelve years, and graduated four years later, having for classmates President John Adams, Governor John Wentworth, and other noted men.

After fitting for the ministry he received and accepted a call to settle in Groton, Mass., where he was ordained and installed 3 June, 1761. There he remained in office until 15 May, 1775, when the affections of many of his parishioners having become alienated from him on account of the course he saw fit to pursue in regard to the controversy between Great Britain and her American colonies, he voluntarily relinquished his pastoral charge. He however remained in Groton engaged in the cultivation of a small farm, and, for some months, in 1780 and 1781, acted as the minister of a portion of the people, who, not pleased with his removal, had formed a new society.

About this time a law library came into his possession, and from a perusal of the volumes he formed a taste for the investigation of legal matters. An attorney who boarded with him furnished him with some information in his investigations. In 1780 he spent some months in Amherst in the office of Joshua Atherton, Esq., from whom he received further instruction. In the fall of that year he purchased a small tenement of Mr. Atherton, into which he moved with his family in the spring of 1781. In the autumn following he was, on motion of Mr. Atherton, admitted to practice as an attorney in the court of common pleas, and soon came into full practice.

In 1782 he purchased the farm and buildings of Samuel Stewart's heirs, at the west end of the Plain, which he occupied throughout the remainder of his life.

In November, 1782, he was chosen a delegate to the convention which framed the constitution of the state. Shortly after the adoption of the constitution he was appointed a justice of the inferior court of common pleas, but declined to accept the office. In 1785 he was appointed register of probate for Hillsborough county, and held the office until 9 January, 1789, when he was appointed judge of probate. This office he resigned 21 December, 1792, saying, in the letter conveying his resignation, that "for the support of my family I am obliged to practice as an attorney, and there is danger that I may not always be able to distinguish between a *fee* to the attorney and a *bribe* to the judge."

In 1793 he was chosen to the state senate to fill a vacancy caused by the resignation of Hon. Joshua Atherton. In this position he took an active part in procuring the passage of a law abolishing the courts of general sessions of the peace.

A few years before his death he procured the establishment of a lodge of Free Masons in Amherst, of which he was the first worshipful master. This lodge held their meetings for some time in his house, where a hall was fitted up for their accommodation. His death, caused by typhus fever, violent in its attack and rapid in its progress, occurred 2 April, 1798, and his remains were entombed with Masonic honors on the fourth, when Timothy Biglow, of Groton, delivered a funeral oration.

In his person Judge Dana was tall, spare, and very erect, except an inclination of the knees, which never deserted him when he was in a standing position. He had a blemish, occasioned by the small-pox, which had destroyed the sight of one of his eyes.

His religious views were of the most liberal kind, and he was a kind friend and supporter of Rev. Mr. Barnard, the minister of the town.

His talents as a lawyer were above mediocrity, but many of the habits acquired in the ministry remained through life. A contemporary says, "Could a person have been placed so as to hear Judge Dana while he was addressing a jury, without distinguishing his words, not a shadow of doubt would remain in his mind that the speaker was engaged in devout and earnest prayer."

In his will, written in 1795, the usual invocation to the Deity is omitted. No bequest of his soul and body or mention of his religious belief is made, the first instance it is believed in the county, says Hon. C. H. Atherton, of the omission of these supposed essentials to a will. (See p. 554: 1.)

#### CAPT. WILLIAM DANA,

A younger brother of Hon. Samuel Dana, was born in Brighton, Mass., in 1745; married Mary Bancroft, of Pepperell, Mass.; resided in Charlestown and Worcester, Mass.; removed to Amherst in 1779, thence, in 1788, to Marietta, Ohio. He died in Ohio in 1809.

He enlisted in the American army at the commencement of hostilities in 1775, and served some two or three years as a captain in the artillery under the command of Gen. Henry Knox. In 1778 he sold his property in the vicinity of Worcester, receiving his pay in continental bills which became worthless on his hands, and he was reduced to poverty. His pay in the army being inadequate for the support of his family, he reluctantly resigned his commission and left the service. He soon after removed to Amherst where he engaged in farming. He also worked at his trade as a carpenter. A portion of the time he acted as a deputy sheriff.

In the spring of 1788 he, and his two eldest sons, started for the new settlement at Marietta, Ohio, where they arrived near the last of June,



after a toilsome journey. After building a log cabin they engaged in the manufacture of bricks,—the first that were made in Ohio.

The spring following he returned to Amherst for the remainder of his family, who accompanied him on his return to Ohio. He then located himself on a tract of bottom land, near the Ohio river, just above the head of Blennerhassett's island, where, after a few years of toil and danger, he secured a comfortable home.

In his person Capt. Dana was tall and had the bearing of a soldier. In his disposition he was cheerful and social. He had eleven children, eight sons and three daughters, and his descendants rank among the first families in Ohio.

PROF. JAMES FREEMAN DANA

Fitted for college at Exeter Academy, and graduated at Harvard University in 1813. He was early interested in chemical studies, and in 1818 was sent to England, by the overseers of the university, to procure a suitable chemical apparatus for the use of the college. While in England he applied himself assiduously to the study of his favorite science, and after his return he was appointed assistant professor of chemistry at Cambridge.

He commenced the study of medicine soon after his graduation, under the direction of Dr. Gorham, of Cambridge, and received the degree of M. D. in 1817. The next year he married and commenced the practice of medicine in Cambridge.

As but little opportunity was afforded him for a display of his professional skill, he, in connection with his brother, Samuel L. Dana, published, in 1818, a small octavo volume on the geology and mineralogy of Boston.

In 1820 he took the name of James Freeman Dana, by authority of the legislature of Massachusetts, and in the latter part of that year he received the appointment of professor of chemistry at Dartmouth College, which he accepted, and removed to Hanover, giving up the practice of medicine and devoting himself to the duties of his professional chair.

He was highly esteemed at Hanover, both in the college and by the citizens of the town.

In 1824 he was appointed an aid to Governor Morril, with the rank of colonel, and in that capacity assisted in the reception of General Lafayette at Concord, in June, 1825. He was also chosen a representative to the general court in 1825.

He was a Mason in high standing, and, at the age of 31 years, was chosen Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of the state.

In 1826 he was appointed one of the visitors to the military academy at West Point, by the Secretary of War, and, near the close of the year, received the appointment of professor of chemistry in the college of physicians and surgeons of the University of New York. On his removal to New York, in November, 1826, he applied himself to the duties of his office, but in the month of April following he was attacked by erysipelas, which soon extended to his brain and in a few days terminated his life. (See p. 555: 11)

DR. SAMUEL LUTHER DANA

Fitted for college at Exeter, and graduated at Harvard University in 1813.

He commenced the study of law with his uncle, Hon. Samuel Dana, of Charlestown, Mass., but soon abandoned it. Shortly after he joined the army, where he served as lieutenant in the first artillery regiment in New York and Virginia until the close of the war in 1815. In June, of that year, he resigned his commission and commenced the study of medicine under the direction of Dr. Bancroft, of Groton. He received the degree of M. D. from Harvard, and commenced practice in Gloucester, Mass., in 1818. In 1819 he removed to Waltham where he continued in practice until 1826. During this time he was much interested in chemical investigations, and assisted in establishing a laboratory for the manufacture of oil of vitriol and bleaching salts. He also founded the Newton Chemical Company.

From 1830 to 1833 he was often called to Lowell as a consulting chemist. In the spring of 1834 he delivered a course of lectures before the Mechanics' Association of that place, and in the autumn of that year received the appointment of chemist of the Merrimack Manufacturing Company and removed to Lowell. Here his services to the company, in the discovery of new methods of printing calicoes, and the economical use of coal in the steam engines, used by the company, were invaluable.

While employed by the company he was engaged in the application of his favorite science to agricultural pursuits, and published the "Farmers' Muck Manual." His essay on manures received the prize offered by the Massachusetts Agricultural Society in 1843. He also published several pamphlets on the action of lead pipe upon the water conveyed in them, and a treatise on the amount of nutriment contained in the common articles of food.

In November, 1851, he removed to Tyngsborough, where he had purchased a farm, on which he resided until 1860, when he returned to Lowell, retaining the farm as a summer resort until 1866, when it was sold.

He died in Lowell 11 March, 1868, in consequence of injuries received by a fall upon the ice on his doorstep several weeks before. Said Dr. Hayes, "In the death of Dr. Dana we must conclude that a great and good man has left us, whose highly scientific labors were constant for the benefit of others, but whose modesty and sphere of action precluded public acknowledgment and praise." (See p. 555: 12.)

TIMOTHY DANFORTH, ESQ.,

Engaged in quite a number of business enterprises in the course of his life, being a merchant, taverner, farmer, brick-maker, and whip manufacturer by turns. He was also a well-known auctioneer, deputy sheriff and crier of the courts many years. Toward the close of his life he was appointed post-master, which office he held a short time. Gentle manly in his manners and peaceable in his demeanor, he maintained a respectable standing in society in all the various occupations in which he engaged. (See p. 557: 3.)

JAMES B. DAVID

Was one of the first citizens of the town to tender his services to the country in the civil war of 1861-5. Enlisting as a private, he was upon the organization of his company, appointed first lieutenant, and was stationed at Fort Constitution, near Portsmouth, during the term of his enlistment. He again enlisted and was appointed first lieutenant in the 5th regiment N. H. Vols. After serving a year he was honorably discharged. Afterward he assisted in raising a cavalry regiment at Dubuque, Iowa, and was commissioned as a captain of one of its companies. His regiment was employed in service among the Indians on the frontiers. After four years of service in this capacity he was honorably discharged, having received brevet commissions as lieutenant-colonel and colonel, for meritorious conduct on the Plains. He now resides in Somerville, Mass. (See p. 569: 4.)

REV. JOSIAH GARDNER DAVIS

Graduated at Yale College in 1836; studied theology at Andover Theological Seminary, and at Union Theological Seminary, New York, from whence he graduated in 1841. He was ordained and installed pastor of the Congregational church and society 22 May, 1844, and, after an able and successful ministry was dismissed, at his own request, 22 January, 1880.

He was elected a trustee of Dartmouth College in 1871, and was a member of the Constitutional Convention in 1876. He has served as statistical secretary of the general association of New Hampshire several years, and is a corporate member of the A. B. C. F. M.; has been

a member of the superintending school committee of the town twenty-one years, and has performed his full share of work in councils, associations, and other ecclesiastical bodies.

He received the honorary degree of S. T. D. from Dartmouth College in 1866. (See pp. 304, 562: 12.)

DAVID DODGE,

Son of Samuel Dodge, was placed under the guardianship of Daniel Campbell, Esq., 10 March, 1787.

He became a noted teacher. and was town-clerk of Charlestown, Mass., from 1814 to 1817, and from 1825 to 1847. He was also city-clerk of Charlestown in 1847 and 1848.

His portrait hangs in the reading room of the public library of that city.

In his old age he removed to Billerica, where he died 6 February, 1853, aged 83 years. (See p. 568: 46.)

PERLEY DODGE, ESQ.,

Worked on his father's farm in New Boston until he was sixteen years of age, then fitted for college; graduated from Union College, Schenectady, N. Y., with the class of 1824; read law in the offices of Nehemiah Eastman, of Farmington, and Titus Brown, of Frances town, and was admitted to practice in the courts of New Hampshire in 1827. He commenced business in connection with Hon. Titus Brown, in Frances town and New Boston; removed to Amherst 7 March, 1832, where he continued in practice in the county of Hillsborough for fifty-one years, attending every term of the court sitting in the county. From 1839 to 1857 he was clerk of the courts in Hillsborough county, and during that time he received and recorded every verdict, except one, rendered by the juries.

He represented the town in the general court of New Hampshire in the years 1837, '53, and '54.

As he is now unable to attend the courts he has retired from practice, and has returned to his first employment—the cultivation of the soil. (See p. 569: 62.)

DEA. CYRUS EASTMAN

Served a seven years' apprenticeship at the clock and watch-making business with Major Timothy Chandler, of Concord. About 1814 he removed to Amherst and commenced business.

Having an inventive genius he was constantly making experiments, and in 1815, or thereabout, devised a plan for making lead pipe, for which he obtained a patent, and engaged in its manufacture.

In 1819 he went to New Orleans in the employ of a company which had a contract to furnish the city with water. But the undertaking proved an unfortunate one, as most of the company sickened, and soon died there. The survivors returned home poorer but, perhaps, wiser men.

When Manchester began to be built up Mr. Eastman was one of the company to furnish the inhabitants with water by means of aqueduct. He also furnished the pumps and pipes for the use of the railroad companies between Lowell and Franklin.

He was an excellent mechanic, an active business man, and a public spirited citizen.

For many years he was a member of the Congregational church, and one of its officers from 30 December, 1836, until his death. (See 574: 1.)

#### DAVID EVERETT, ESQ.,

Born in Princeton, Mass., in 1769, died in Marietta, Ohio, 21 December, 1813; married Dolly, daughter of Deacon Isaac Appleton, of New Ipswich, 29 December, 1799. She was born 6 September, 1770; died New Ipswich 15 January, 1859. They resided in Amherst from 1807 until 1807.

His father fell in the war for independence, and he was left to the care of relatives at Wrentham, Mass., whence, at the age of 21, he went to New Ipswich, where he attended the academy, teaching school in winter to give him the means of support. It was while thus engaged that he wrote the oft repeated piece commencing—

“ You’d scarce expect one of my age  
To speak in public on the stage,”—

which was spoken for the first time at a school exhibition in the academy by Ephraim H. Farrar, afterward a well-known and worthy citizen of the town.

He graduated at Dartmouth College in 1795; read law with John M. Forbes; was admitted to the Suffolk bar, and had an office on Court street, Boston, with Thomas O. Selfridge, who afterward shot Charles Austin in a street affray.

In 1802 he removed to Amherst, where he remained five years, when he returned to Boston and soon afterward formed a business connection with Lemuel Shaw, Esq., afterward Chief Justice of Massachusetts.

In 1809 he assisted in establishing the *Boston Patriot*. Leaving the Republican party in 1812, he advocated the election of De Witt Clinton

to the presidency. After this he conducted the *Yankee* and the *Pilot* newspapers, the latter of which continued but a short time.

In 1813 he went to Marietta, Ohio, with the intention of establishing a newspaper there, but died shortly after his arrival in that place.

*John Farmer*

DR. JOHN FARMER

Came to Amherst in 1805, and served as clerk in a store on the Plain five years. At the end of that time, finding the occupation too laborious for his feeble health, he relinquished it and engaged in teaching school, devoting his leisure hours to literary and historical studies.

In 1813 he was elected a corresponding member of the Massachusetts Historical Society, and immediately began to contribute to its collections.

In 1816 he published a history of Billerica, Mass., in pamphlet form, and assisted in collecting materials for a history of Chelmsford, which was afterward published by Rev. Wilkes Allen.

In 1820 he published an historical sketch of the town of Amherst, of which a second edition was published in 1837, and forms a part of volume five of the collections of the New Hampshire Historical Society.

In 1821 he commenced the study of medicine with Dr. Matthias Spalding, but relinquished it as his health would not admit of his engaging in practice. He then removed to Concord.

After his arrival in Concord he opened an apothecary's store in company with Dr. Samuel Morril, from which circumstance he acquired the title of Doctor. Finally, quitting the apothecary business, he devoted nearly his whole time to his favorite pursuits, and became widely known as one of the most learned and accurate historians and antiquarians of his time.

In 1822 he received the honorary degree of Master of Arts from Dartmouth College.

On the formation of the New Hampshire Historical Society he became one of its leading members, and was, until his death, its corresponding secretary.

He never married, and his remains rest in the burial lot of his friend, Gen. Joseph Low, in the old cemetery at Concord, where a marble monument has been erected to his memory, bearing the inscription—

## JOHN FARMER,

Born in Chelmsford, Mass., 12 June, 1789. Died in this town 13 August, 1838, aged 49 years.

Honored as a man ;  
Distinguished as an Antiquarian and Scholar ;  
Beloved as a friend ;  
And revered as a Christian Philanthropist  
And a lover of impartial liberty,  
His death has occasioned a void in Society  
Which time will fail to supply,  
And the reason and fitness of which,  
As to time, manner, and attendant circumstances,  
Eternity alone can fully unfold.

(See p. 582: 1.)

## HON. WILLIAM FISK

Was, for a long time, one of the most influential and widely-known citizens of Amherst. He was one of the leaders of the old Republican party in town, and, although he had nothing more than a common school education, is said to have been quite a formidable opponent to Hon. Charles H. Atherton, and other educated men of the Federal party, in the discussions which took place in the annual town meeting and on other public occasions. He served on the board of selectmen twenty-five years in succession—from March, 1790, to March, 1815; eighteen years as town-clerk—from March, 1794, to March, 1812; represented the town six years in the general court, and District No. four years in the senate.

In 1813 he was appointed one of the justices of the court of common pleas for Hillsborough county.

In 1814 he received the appointment of principal assessor of the direct tax in Hillsborough county, and in 1820 and 1824 served as an elector of president and vice-president of the United States. (See p. 585: VI-4.)

## HON. FRANCIS NOURSE FISK

Was a descendant, on his mother's side, from Francis and Rebecca Nourse, of Salem, Mass., the latter of whom was one of the victims of the witchcraft delusion in 1692.

Mr. Fisk received his education in the common schools and in the Aurean Academy. In 1802 he removed to Thomaston, Me., where he was engaged in teaching until 1810. Then he returned to his native state, settled in Concord, and became widely known as a successful

merchant. He remained in business until 1850, when he retired, and his time thenceforth was occupied in the management of his ample estate.

He was a good citizen, democratic in his habits and party associations, cautious and conservative in his business affairs, and sustained an enviable reputation as a man of honor and integrity. For many years he was a member of the First Congregational church in Concord, and took a deep interest in its prosperity.

In 1819 he was elected town-clerk of Concord, and held the office by successive re-elections until 1829. In 1825 and 1826 he was a representative in the general court, and in 1827, '29 and '30 a member of the executive council.

For thirteen years he was president of the Merrimack County Bank and New Hampshire Savings Bank, two of the soundest and best-managed banking institutions in the state.

He retained his faculties fully to the last, and passed gently away 7 October, 1870, in the ninety-first year of his age.

He married, in 1813, Mrs. Mary (Walker) Emery, a daughter of Hon. Timothy Walker, of Concord, and granddaughter of Rev. Timothy Walker, the first minister of the town. She died 25 February, 1847.

Three children, a son and two daughters, survived him. (See p. 586.)

ALLEN FISK, ESQ.,

Studied law under the direction of Clifton Claggett and Jonathan Fisk, Esq., of New York city, where he was admitted to the bar in 1819. He continued in practice but a short time. He next engaged in the compilation of school books, many of which were published and favorably received.

In 1822 he opened a private school in Troy, N. Y., which continued several years with marked success. Thence, in 1832, he removed to Auburn, N. Y., where he took charge of the academy as principal. Becoming wearied with the labors of teaching, and his health being impaired, he resigned his position in 1836 and retired to a small farm in the neighboring town of Scipio. With the return of his health he again engaged in teaching, first in his own house, next in the village of Skaneateles, and finally in Troy, where he established a weekly newspaper, in 1848, in connection with his sons David and Albert, which continued until 1862, when its publication was suspended and he retired from business. He removed soon after to Kenwood, Ill., where he resided in the family of his eldest daughter until his death, in 1875. (See p. 586: 18.)



## DR. FRANCIS PERRY FITCH,

A native of Greenfield, commenced practice in New Boston in 1831 whence he removed to Amherst in 1839, where he succeeded Dr. Amos Gale. Here he continued until 1 November, 1865, when, on account of failing health, he gave up his business, and, shortly after, removed to Milford. His health continuing to fail, he went to Vineland, N. J. where he died 24 December, 1874, aged 68 years. Late in life married, but left no children.

He was a prominent member and officer of the New Hampshire Medical Society, and maintained a high standing in his profession as a citizen. He was a man of strict integrity, with decided convictions on all matters.

During the civil war he was appointed by the governor and county to visit the hospitals in Washington and vicinity, and look after the welfare of our sick and wounded soldiers.

## CAPT. DANIEL FLETCHER

Settled in Amherst about 1825, and was, for more than twenty years, the popular landlord of the Fletcher tavern in Cricket Corner. He finally relinquished the tavern business and removed to the Plains where he died.

After his removal to the village he served on the board of selectmen, was town-clerk, and represented the town one year in the general court.

He was a generous, public-spirited citizen, and stood high in the estimation of his townsmen and acquaintances. (See p. 588: VII-4.)

## CAPT. GEORGE W. FLETCHER

Settled on a farm near the noted tavern-stand of his brother, Captain Daniel Fletcher. He was one of the most active and enterprising farmers in town, and a public-spirited citizen. He commanded the Lafayette rifle company in its palmyest days.

He was disabled by a fall from a tree while gathering its fruit, 5 October, 1864, and the remaining years of his life were passed in constant suffering, which was borne with wonderful patience. (See 588: 9.)

## SAMUEL GIBSON,

Who died in Amherst in 1820, was one of the two hundred New Hampshire soldiers who were surrendered to the French and Indians at Fort William Henry. Eighty of the number were tomahawked and scalped by the Indians after the surrender, and others were burned alive, suffe





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ing all the torments that the infernal ingenuity of the savages could inflict, in violation of the promise of protection given by the French commander, Gen. Montcalm, before the surrender. (See p. 600: 11-1.)



HON. WILLIAM GORDON,

A native of Boston, graduated at Harvard College in 1779; read law with Hon. Joshua Atherton; commenced practice here in 1787. He was post-master, senator in the state legislature, representative to congress, and attorney-general of the state, the duties of which offices he discharged to the satisfaction of his constituents.

An obituary notice, published in the *Portsmouth Oracle*, speaks of him as "a man of benevolence, integrity, constancy, and truth; possessed of an independence of spirit, a purity of morals, and correctness of thought, which ranked him above the prejudices of party, the meanness of avarice, and the frowns and flatteries of the world."

He died at Boston 8 May, 1832, aged 39 years. His remains were brought to Amherst where they were buried on the 12th. Rev. Mr. Barnard preached a funeral discourse from Psalm cxii: 6.

He married Frances Atherton, the eldest daughter of Hon. Joshua Atherton, and left one son, William Gordon, who graduated at Harvard College in 1806; read law with his uncle, Charles H. Atherton; commenced practice in Peterborough in 1809; removed thence to Walpole and Charlestown, N. H.

He died in the asylum for the insane at Brattleborough, Vt., 12 January, 1871, aged 83, leaving no children. (See p. 466.)

HORACE GREELEY,

Founder the *New York Tribune*, was born in Amherst 3 February, 1811, and spent the first ten years of his life here.

He was early noted for his love of reading and study, and before the family left Amherst there was scarcely a book within ten miles of his home, that he could borrow, which he had not read.

Driven from Amherst by the failure of his business plans, his father removed with his family to West Haven, Vt., in the spring of 1821, where, for five years, the future editor was engaged with the rest of the family in a struggle for the means of subsistence in a new settlement.

In the spring of 1826 Horace entered the office of the *Northern Spectator*, at East Poultney, Vt., as an apprentice to the printing business, where he soon became an expert workman. There he availed himself of all the means for acquiring knowledge that came within his reach. His apprenticeship was closed by the breaking up of the *Spectator* establishment in 1831.

After a short visit to his parents, who then resided in Erie, Pa., he found employment in offices at Erie and Jamestown, N. Y. In October, 1831, he went to New York city in search of employment, his earthly possessions consisting of a ten dollar bill and a scanty wardrobe. There he labored in several offices until 1 January, 1833, when, in company with another young printer, he engaged in the publication of a penny daily paper, the first in the country. This enterprise failed in less than three months, and in less than six months his partner in business died.

In 1834 the *New Yorker*, a weekly political family and literary newspaper, was commenced by Horace Greeley & Co. In the department of political statistics this paper was regarded as high authority by all parties, and it had a large circulation; but owing to a defect in its business management it was not greatly remunerative.

In 1838 Mr. Greeley conducted the *Jeffersonian*, a weekly political newspaper, published in Albany in the interest of the "Whig" party.

In 1840 he edited the *Log Cabin*, which had an extensive circulation through the length and breadth of the country.

In April, 1841, the *Daily Tribune* was commenced, and in September following the *Weekly Tribune* took the place of the *New Yorker*.

The *Tribune* soon attained a wide circulation and wielded an influence surpassed by few other journals published in the country.

Aside from his labors on the various newspapers on which he was engaged, he found time for the compilation of several valuable historical, statistical, political, and agricultural works.

He was elected to Congress in the autumn of 1848 and served one session. While in Congress he was distinguished for his efforts in favor of a reform in the mileage system, as then practiced.

In 1850 he visited Europe, and served as one of the judges at the Crystal Palace international exhibition.

In 1851 he visited California and was every where cordially received by the citizens of the "Golden" state.

On the formation of the "Republican" party Mr. Greeley became one of its staunchest advocates, and through the civil war his pen and tongue were ever ready for the defense of the national cause.

In 1872, deeming that a policy of reconciliation would soonest restore harmony between the different sections of the country, he advo-

cated its adoption, and was put in nomination for the presidency by a portion of the Republican party. The nomination was adopted by the Democracy, but in the election which followed he was defeated, General Grant receiving a large majority of the electoral votes.

He died before the electoral votes were cast, worn out with a life of toil and the labors of an exciting presidential canvass. (See p. 608.)

COL. CHARLES E. HAPGOOD,

Born in Shrewsbury, Mass., 11 December, 1830; received his education in the schools of his native town; learned the gun-maker's trade in his father's shop; removed to Worcester in 1851, where he was for several years engaged in one of the largest produce commission houses in that city; removed to Amherst in 1858, and, in company with H. E. Abbott, of Worcester, bought the stand and business of Charles B. Tuttle, on the Plain. In September, 1861, he sold his share of the business to his partner, and 19 October following received a commission as captain of company I, 5th Regiment N. H. Vols. He shared the fortunes of the company until 9 July, 1862, when he came home for the benefit of his health. He was subsequently employed in the recruiting service in Concord and other places. After the battle of Fredericksburg he was commissioned as lieutenant-colonel, and, at his own request, ordered to rejoin his regiment, which he did 18 February, 1863. He commanded the regiment in the battles at Chancellorsville and Gettysburg, and, 3 July, 1863, was promoted to be colonel in place of Col. Cross, who was killed in battle.

He continued with his regiment until 16 June, 1864, when he was severely wounded. 18 August, 1864, he was ordered to Philadelphia, by the War Department, to serve as president of a board of inspectors of the military hospitals in the state of Pennsylvania. He remained on duty until 17 October, 1864, when he was mustered out, his term of service having expired.

He removed to Boston soon after his return to Amherst, and is now engaged in business in that city.

LEVI HARTSHORN,

Son of Edward and Lucy (Elliott) Hartshorn, graduated at Dartmouth College in 1813, in the class with Jonathan Kittredge, Joseph B. Felt, and other eminent men. He fitted for the ministry and was invited to settle at Dunstable, Mass., as the successor of Mr. Heywood, but declined the invitation.

He was ordained at Gloucester, Mass., 18 October, 1815, the ordaining prayer on the occasion being made by Rev. Mr. Barnard, of this



town. He died while on a visit to his father, in Amherst, 27 September, 1819.

He was a good man, and his death was greatly lamented. An obituary notice, published soon after his decease, said, "The loss of such a man as Mr. Hartshorn can not easily be estimated or repaired."

At his funeral a prayer was offered at the house by Rev. Mr. Burnap, of Merrimack. The remains were then taken to the meeting-house, where a sermon was preached by Mr. Lord from Acts, VIII: 2. At the close of the exercises at the meeting-house the remains were carried to the burying-ground, preceded by the male members of the church in Amherst and other places, and followed by his relatives and the female members of the church. Many other citizens of the town joined in the procession. (See p. 616: 40.)

JOHN HARVELL,

A native of Litchfield, was a soldier in the French and Indian war, and used to relate the following story of his experience in camp life:

While encamped in the vicinity of Ticonderoga the soldiers one day saw a girl, who lived in a hut near by, baking bread in a Dutch oven. Being desirous of obtaining the bread, as their rations were short, they arranged for a dance, Harvell acting as fiddler. Having enticed the girl into the party of dancers, some of the soldiers managed, when her back was turned, to secure the bread which they carried to the camp. The dancing party broke up shortly after and followed the fiddler to the barracks.

Harvell returned home on foot, the well-known hills and mountains along the route, Crooked mountain in Francestown among the number, being his guides.

After his return he married and settled in Amherst, on the farm now occupied by his grandson, Captain Thomas M. Harvell. (See p. 619: 1.)

DR. NATHANIEL HENCHMAN, JR.,

Entered Dartmouth College but did not graduate. He studied medicine under the direction of Dr. Matthias Spalding, and, on the breaking out of the war of 1812, entered the army as a surgeon's mate. After the close of the war he practiced some time in Paterson, N. J., whence he removed to Woodville, Miss., where he died 5 September, 1819. (See p. 624: 8.)

REV. JOSHUA HEYWOOD

Was a son of Nathaniel Heywood, for some years one of the leading citizens of the north-west parish.

He graduated at Dartmouth College in 1795; studied divinity, and was ordained and installed pastor of the church in Dunstable, Mass., 5 June, 1799. Rev. Mr. Bruce, of Amherst, preached the ordination sermon from Mark, XVI: 15, 16. He continued in the ministry until his death, which occurred 11 November, 1814, in the fifty-second year of his age.

Mr. Nason writes of him, in the history of Dunstable, "He was a large man, of dark complexion, dignified and courteous in his demeanor, and highly respected by all who knew him."

Dr. Loring said of him, at the Dunstable centennial, 17 September, 1873, "Of no minister, here or elsewhere, can higher praise be uttered than of Joshua Heywood, who, recognizing the burdens which pressed upon his people, declined to avail himself of any statute for his pecuniary advantage, refused to make the stipulation between a minister and his people a matter of speculation, and appealed to their sense of honor to stand by the contract he had made with them, even though it might be to his own loss."

#### HON. ISAAC HILL,

Son of Isaac and Hannah (Russell) Hill, was born in West Cambridge, Mass., 6 April, 1788, and removed to Ashburnham with his parents at the age of 10 years. His love of knowledge was manifested at an early age. Before he was eight years old he had read the Bible through in course, dwelling with particular pleasure on the historical portions. All other books which came within his reach were eagerly read, and he made the best use he could of the instruction received in the common schools.

He commenced an apprenticeship in the office of the *Farmers' Cabinet*, then conducted by Joseph Cushing, 3 December, 1802, which ended 5 April, 1809, when he went to Concord and purchased the *American Patriot* establishment, from which he issued the first number of the *New Hampshire Patriot*, 18 April, 1809.

The business of the office was conducted by Mr. Hill, and his brother, Walter R. Hill, who also learned his trade in the *Cabinet* office, and an apprentice.

The circulation of the paper, at first small, had increased in August, 1810, to 1800 copies weekly, and it soon acquired a power and influence in the state equaled by that of no other journal.

The *Patriot* took a leading part in advocacy of the measures adopted by the government which led to the declaration of war against Great Britain in 1812, also in the controversy which resulted in the attempted amendment of the charter of Dartmouth College, and the passage of

the "toleration" law in 1819. It supported Gen. Dinsmore for governor in 1823, who was defeated; William H. Crawford for president in 1824; and with a large majority of the old Republican party in New Hampshire, it advocated the election of Gen. Jackson to the presidency in 1828.

Having been appointed second comptroller of the treasury, Mr. Hill relinquished the control of the *Patriot* in the spring of 1829.

In January, 1839, he issued the first number of the *Farmers' Monthly Visitor*, and with his sons continued its publication some ten years. Free from all political partisanship, it was devoted to the interests of the farmers of New Hampshire and was exceedingly popular with all parties.

In 1840 the publication of *Hill's New Hampshire Patriot* was commenced by Mr. Hill and his sons. The publication of this paper, one of the best of its kind ever issued in the State, ceased in May, 1847, when it was merged in the *New Hampshire Patriot*.

Mr. Hill was elected clerk of the senate of New Hampshire in 1819; senator of District No. 4 in 1820, '21 and '22; appointed second comptroller of the treasury of the United States in 1829, but was rejected by the senate; took his seat as senator from New Hampshire, November, 1831, and served until his election as governor, in 1836, which office he held three years. He also held the office of assistant-treasurer of the United States, at Boston, during the administration of President Tyler. He died of catarrhal consumption, at Washington, D. C., 22 March, 1851.

Mr. Hill was a man of decided convictions and was perfectly fearless in their expression. He had many warm friends, and some bitter enemies.

His life marked an era in the newspaper press of New Hampshire.

#### JOSIAH HOWARD,

A native of Ipswich, Mass., settled in Amherst in 1785. He enlisted into the army at the commencement of the revolutionary war, when but 17 years of age, and served four years, participating in the battles of Trenton, Princeton, Monmouth, and others, and passing the winter with the army at Valley Forge. He was finally discharged on account of severe wounds he had received.

After partially recovering from his wounds he enlisted in the navy, where he served until the close of the war. (See p. 640: 1.)

#### GEORGE WILKINS KENDALL.

"In the beautiful and well-cared for cemetery at Boone, Kendall county, Louisiana, is the grave of George W. Kendall." Over it, on a marble slab, is this inscription:

"George Wilkins Kendall, born in New Hampshire August 22, 1809; died at Post Oak Springs, Texas, October 22, 1867. Poet, journalist, author, farmer—eminent in all; clear head, stout heart, a man of many friends, best beloved by those who knew him best."

He was the eldest son of Capt. Thaddeus and Mrs. Abigail (Wilkins) Kendall, of Mont Vernon. His mother was a grand-daughter of Rev. Daniel Wilkins, and a cousin to the mother of Gen. John A. Dix, of New York. A large portion of the years of his boyhood was spent at the home of his grandfather, Dea. Samuel Wilkins, of Amherst. He acquired a knowledge of the printing business in the offices of the *Amherst Herald* and *New Hampshire Statesman*, and after learning his trade traveled in the Western and Southern States, working as a compositor in printing offices as opportunity offered. During this time he spent some months in New York city, in the employ of Horace Greeley & Co., proprietors of the *New Yorker*. In 1835 he went to New Orleans, where he assisted in establishing the *New Orleans Picayune*, the first cheap daily journal published in that city. Under his direction the *Picayune* became one of the leading journals in that section of the country.

With the hope of benefiting his health he joined the famous expedition which started from Austin, Texas, for Santa Fe, Mexico, in 1841. After his return he published a volume which contained an account of his adventures and captivity, which had a wide circulation.

He accompanied the American forces under the command of Generals Taylor and Scott in the Mexican war of 1846 and '47, and witnessed many of the principal battles. He subsequently spent two years in Europe, superintending the publication of a costly work on this war.

In 1852 he established a large grazing farm in Comal county, Texas, where the larger part of the remainder of his life was spent. In 1866 he visited Europe, and, on his return, in October of that year he made a brief visit to Amherst.

He remained at home through the civil war, attending to his own concerns and protecting his possessions from the attacks of the Indians, who occasionally made a descent upon his flocks and herds.

Through the whole war he remained loyal to the old flag, though he had abandoned politics years before. (See p. 634: 17.)

#### SOLOMON KITTREDGE

Died in Mont Vernon 22 October, 1845, aged 90 years, 2 months and 19 days.

He joined the army when about 20 years old, and was in the battles of Bunker Hill and Bennington. He was taken prisoner by the British and Indians at the "Cedars," in Canada, 19 May, 1776, and shame-

fully treated. His clothing was mostly taken from him, but he managed to escape and reached home in a destitute condition, having neither hat, coat or shoes. (See p. 662: 1.)



SAMUEL LAMSON,

One of the first settlers in the township, was a native of Reading, Mass. He located on a lot about a mile south of the present village, which was assigned him by the proprietors 8 September, 1735, in lieu of lot No. 28 of the first division which he had drawn. The lot is now owned by Mr. Bryant Melendy, a descendant in the fourth generation from his sister Elizabeth (Lamson) Melendy.

About 1765 he removed to Billerica, Mass., where he died about 1779. His son, Jonathan Lamson, died in Mont Vernon in 1815, at the age of 89 years, and his descendants are found in Mont Vernon, New Boston, Amherst, and other places. (See p. 664: 11.)



AARON LAWRENCE

Came to Amherst in his boyhood and served as a clerk in the store kept by his uncle, Eber Lawrence. On the first day of January, 1826, but a few days after he had completed his twenty-first year, he entered into partnership with Charles L. Stewart, who completed his twenty-first year on that day, for the transaction of the business usually done in a country store. This partnership continued until 16 September, 1836, when it was dissolved. Although the partners were totally unlike in almost every respect their business was a successful one. Mr. Lawrence carried on the business a short time alone, and afterward with Charles B. Tuttle, as partner, the firm being A. Lawrence & Co. Soon after the firm consisted of Tuttle and Wheeler, afterward Tuttle, Wheeler and Boylston. After the lamented death of Mr. Boylston the business was carried on by Charles B. Tuttle.

Mr. Lawrence was always an invalid, but managed in spite of his infirmities to accomplish a vast amount of business. He was for many years a member of the Congregational church and for a long time the

only young man connected with it. Toward the close of his life he was one of its officers. By good management he acquired a handsome property, which he distributed freely for what he considered good objects—the churches, schools, town and individuals frequently receiving liberal donations. He will be remembered for a long time as a generous, public-spirited citizen. (See p. 668: VII.)

CAPT. HEZEKIAH LOVEJOY

Settled in Souhegan West at an early date. He would sometimes travel on snow shoes to Dunstable, carrying a bag of corn or other grain to mill; at other times he would pound his corn in a hollow log. He was lieutenant in one of the companies which marched to Rhode Island in 1778. By his will, which was presented at the probate court 25 June, 1793, his son Jonathan received the homestead, and was directed "to maintain his grandmother properly, and at her death to give her a decent burial." She died 1 December, 1805, aged 101 years, 7 months, 13 days, having had eleven children, fifty-one grandchildren, 223 great-grandchildren, and fifty-one great-great-grandchildren, making 336 descendants. (See p. 672-3: IV-5.)

REV. DANIEL LOVEJOY

Removed with his parents to Maine, where the greater part of his life was spent. He received his literary training for the ministry in the academy at Byfield, Mass., where he was an inmate in the family of Rev. Elijah Parish, D. D. He was ordained as an evangelist in 1805, and labored as a missionary in different parts of Maine until 1818, when he was installed as pastor of a church in Robbinstown, but resigned the next year. He continued in the active duties of the ministry at other places until his death. His son—

ELIJAH PARISH LOVEJOY,

Born at Albion, Me., 9 November, 1802, was one of the pioneers in the anti-slavery movement in this country. Failing in an attempt to establish an anti-slavery press in St. Louis, Mo., he removed to Alton, Ill. There two of his printing offices were destroyed by mobs. In defending his property against a third attack by the mob, he was shot and killed 7 November, 1837. -

OWEN LOVEJOY,

Brother of Elijah P., was afterward a member of congress from Illinois. (See p. 674: 40.)

## JOSEPH LOVEJOY

Entered the army at the commencement of the Revolution and served through the whole war, acquitting himself as a good soldier. At the close of the contest he returned home in poverty. With a large family dependent upon him, the struggle for a subsistence was a hard one for years. Finally his children were able to assist him, and he closed his life at the residence of his daughter, Mrs. Daniel Kendall, in Mont Vernon. (See p. 675: 64.)

## REV. NATHAN LORD, D. D., LL. D.

The following notice of Dr. Lord was taken from a sketch of his life which appeared in the *Boston Journal* 10 September, 1870:

"Dr. Lord was inaugurated president of Dartmouth College 29 October, 1828, succeeding President Tyler, who was the fifth incumbent of the executive chair of that institution. His administration extended to July, 1863, a period of nearly thirty-five years.

"For the office he so long filled he possessed many and varied qualifications. Among them may be mentioned superior scholarship, great executive ability, remarkable firmness of character and devotion to principle, unwearied application to labor, a wonderful uniformity of disposition and temper, and very genial and winning manners and address. His long administration of itself speaks volumes for his usefulness and success. Though a disciplinarian of the strictest kind, he never failed to secure the respect and esteem of every student. The exact number who graduated during his presidency was eighteen hundred and twenty-four. It is doubtful whether a man can be found in all that number who would not defend and even eulogize their college president. During his term of service Dartmouth rose in numbers, strength, prestige and influence. Her fame was known throughout the continent, and even spread beyond the sea.

"As one glances in imagination over the long list of graduates who received their degrees from the hands of President Lord, what proud and noble thoughts suffuse the mind! Thronging before the vision come up in long array distinguished divines, statesmen, publicists, jurists and men of business, all making their deep impress on the age in which they live. But among the highest stand the patriot sons of Dartmouth, who, on many a battle-field of the great Rebellion, exemplified the sublimest devotion to one's country, and glorified their Alma Mater. In reviewing all this, no one will feel disposed to withhold the generous meed of praise that is due to that honored president, who, for so many years, faithfully and undeviatingly guided and controlled the college, and who never, in any of the dark and discouraging seasons

which the institution experienced, faltered for one moment in the firm belief that greatly increased success and prosperity awaited Dartmouth in the future.

"At the centennial celebration of the college, in 1839, President Lord was prevented by sickness from taking part in the exercises that had been assigned to him, but he was able to sit at his chamber window, and after the grand procession was formed, it passed by his house, the graduates and distinguished guests uncovering their heads and bowing. It was a scene that touched all hearts. No military commander of ancient or modern times could have been prouder of his army, flushed with honorable victory, than was President Lord in receiving the tokens of love and reverence from the great body of his graduates who passed in review before him.

"The same pleasant relations that existed between President Lord and the students, also characterized his intercourse with the faculty and trustees. In times of peril in college he was calm, considerate and decided. During the early years of his administration, some will recollect the electric effect of a speech of his to the students who were moved to rebel. They had threatened to leave the college *en masse* (as they often do) if their wishes were not complied with. One sentence from Dr. Lord went like a loaded shell into their ranks. It was this, 'Go, young gentlemen, if you wish; we can bear to see our seats vacated, but not our laws violated.' This was said with such regal decision and dignity that no man of those classes afterward spoke of deserting the college on account of any temporary disaffection.

"He was an earnest, impressive, and solemn preacher, and, until bodily infirmities made him incompetent to the task, in extreme age, he was listened to with the same devout attention which his youthful eloquence called forth. His mind seemed not to share the decay of his body. It was active and brilliant till the light of his eye was quenched by approaching death.

"In theology he was an adherent of the old school, which was founded by Edwards, Hopkins and Bellamy. Dr. Lord inclined to a literal interpretation of the prophecies, which led to his belief in the pre-millennial advent of the Saviour. This theory gave birth to all that was called peculiar in his theology. From a similar interpretation of the narrative portions of the Old Testament arose his peculiar views of slavery. In his opinion God ordained the state and the family. Rulers and subjects, fathers and sons, husbands and wives, masters and servants, were divinely constituted agencies for the education and elevation of our race; and all of them necessary to the highest good of mankind, and destined to continue to the end of time.



"In society Dr. Lord was a gentleman of the old school—polite, affable, and courteous; never rude, abrupt, or intrusive. His conversation was often racy, pointed, witty, and sometimes sarcastic. He was a man of decided opinions, but never forced them upon the attention of others. In argument he was terse, logical and effective; in controversy cool, confident, and self-possessed. Those who have held official relations with him for thirty years aver that they have never known him to yield to passion or to reply with bitterness.

"Dr. Lord died as he lived, an earnest, truthful, faithful servant of God. He had nine sons and three daughters, of whom two died early in life. Of the sons, eight were graduates of Dartmouth College. Six of them are now living, engaged in different professions and branches of business.

"In the death of Dr. Lord the country loses one of its ablest and most successful instructors, theology an eminent divine, and the sphere of letters a scholar of superior endowments." (See p. 671.)

#### GEN. JOSEPH LOW

Learned the painter's trade in his boyhood. He was appointed ensign in the United States army 26 May, 1812, and was attached to the twenty-first regiment, commanded by Col. Eleazer W. Ripley. In the summer following he was appointed second lieutenant of Capt. William Bradford's company and was attached to the first regiment of New Hampshire Volunteers. He was subsequently chosen adjutant of this regiment, but declined the appointment. He was then appointed quartermaster, and subsequently paymaster. The regiment being disbanded in the winter of 1812-13 he repaired to Concord on recruiting service and contributed largely in raising the forty-fifth regiment, afterward commanded by Col. Denny McCobb. Shortly after the close of the war he settled in Concord, and was appointed postmaster by President Madison in 1815, which office he held until 1829, when he was succeeded by his brother, William Low.

In 1819 and 1820 he served on the staff of Gov. Bell, and 19 December, 1820, was appointed adjutant-general of the state. From this office he was removed, for political reasons, 1 July, 1839. In the autumn of 1835 he was sent, by Governor Badger, to quell the disturbances on the Indian Stream territory, which mission he accomplished shortly after.

In 1838 he was chosen one of the representatives of Concord in the general court, and in November, 1844, his name headed the "Whig" ticket of candidates for electors of president and vice-president of the United States.

In February, 1847, he abandoned his old party associates on the

Mexican war question, and thenceforth acted with the Democratic party.

He advocated the acceptance of the city charter of Concord, and, upon its adoption, in 1853, was nominated by his party for mayor, and elected on the second ballot. The next year he was re-elected.

He took an active part in building the Concord, and Concord and Portsmouth railroads, and in the establishment of the New Hampshire Asylum for the Insane.

Gen. Low was a keen, shrewd manager in business matters, and by marriage and trade accumulated a handsome estate.

In political affairs he was not particularly successful, and his advice to his children was, "Let politics alone and attend to your own business." (See p. 678: 8.)

#### MRS. ANNA (ROBY) MACK

Received her education in the common schools and at the Concord Literary and Scientific Institute; was employed eight years as a teacher in the public schools in Concord; married Rev. Daniel A. Mack, a clergyman of the Methodist Episcopal church, in 1850, and was stationed twelve or thirteen years in various towns in Massachusetts and Vermont. Her husband served three years as chaplain of the 3d regiment Vermont volunteers in the civil war. After the close the war he took an active part in raising funds for the purchase of the "Webster place," and the establishment of the Orphans' Home, at Franklin. She has been the matron and manager of the "Home" during the whole period of its existence, devoting years of her life to the care and instruction of its inmates, and contributing largely to the success of the institution. (See p. 748: 12.)

#### DEA. SEWALL G. MACK

Learned the blacksmithing business in his father's shop, and worked at it in Amherst and other places. He was, also, for some time, engaged in the manufacture of stoves in the shop of Hartshorn & Pratt.

In 1840 he removed to Lowell, where he took the place of his brother, John Mack, jr., in the firm of Cushing & Mack, stove manufacturers and dealers, in which business he still continues.

In 1843 and 1844 he was a member of the common council; in 1847 and 1858 a member of the board of aldermen, and in 1853 and 1854 mayor of the city of Lowell.

During his administration as mayor the first measure for supplying Lowell with pure water was originated, which, after a struggle of many years' duration, was finally successful.

In 1862 he was a member of the legislature of Massachusetts; in which he has been a director of the Railroad Bank and Stony Railroad, president of the Lowell Gas-Light Company, and of the Essex Mechanics' Association, served one or two years on the committee, and held other positions of honor and responsibility.

He is still actively engaged in business, and is held in high esteem in the city of his residence. (See p. 682: 24.)

THOMPSON MAXWELL

Was the son of an Irish immigrant, who settled in Bedford, Mass. in 1732, and died there in 1759.

He was in the ranger service from 1757 to 1763, some of the time under the command of Rogers and Stark, and assisted in the destruction of the Indian village of St. Francis in 1759. He was present at the destruction of the tea in Boston Harbor, 16 December, 1773, and engaged in the pursuit of the British in their retreat from Concord, April, 1775.

On the organization of minute-men in Amherst, early in 1775, he was chosen second lieutenant and acted as such in the battle at Bunker's Hill the following June.

After the evacuation of Boston by the British, in March, 1776, he marched with the army to Providence and New York, thence to Canada, and afterward to Crown Point and Ticonderoga. In December of the same year the regiment to which he belonged joined the army under Gen. Washington, and participated in the battles of Trenton and Princeton.

In 1777 he was again at Ticonderoga and was in the disastrous evacuation at Hubbardston, Vt.

He was also in the battles of Bennington, Bemis's Heights, and the evacuation of Ticonderoga.

In 1778 he was employed in the ranger service in central New York and was in the battle of Stony Arabia. The next year he accompanied General Sullivan in his expedition against the hostile Indians in central New York, and assisted in destroying their villages, orchard and corn-fields.

With this expedition his participation in the war of the Revolution closed, and he retired to Buckland, Mass., whither his family had moved some two years before. There he was chosen a member of the convention that framed the constitution of the commonwealth. In 1787 he was captain of a company raised to assist in suppressing the insurrection of Gen. Shays in western Massachusetts.

In 1800 he removed to Butler county, Ohio, and engaged in farming. In 1812 he joined the army under Gen. Hull, and marched to Detroit.

where he was taken prisoner. After his release, upon parole, he returned home, when his house was burned by a mob who accused him of having advised the surrender of Hull.

In 1813 he joined the army under Harrison, and in 1814 served under General Miller at Chippewa and Lundy's Lane, and in the sortie at Fort Erie. Near the latter place he was again taken prisoner by the British, who treated him with great severity, from which he was relieved by Major Rogers, a son of his old commander in the ranger service, who conducted him to a good house and ordered him to be well treated. He was exchanged 13 March, 1814, and returned home. (See p. 688: 1.)

COL. ROBERT MEANS.

Robert Means and Jacob McGaw, two young weavers from the north of Ireland, landed in Boston in 1766. After paying their passage they had but one shilling and six pence (twenty-five cents) to divide between them. They soon found their way to the north-west part of Merrimack, where they settled and applied themselves to the business of their trade. To this they added peddling goods from small trunks, one going out at a time.

As their stock increased they engaged in trade on a larger scale, and it seemed desirable that one of them should remove to Amherst. Both wished to remain in Merrimack, and it was finally decided, by casting lots, that Mr. Means should go to Amherst. Mr. McGaw continued in Merrimack where he became a wealthy and influential citizen. He died in 1810 at the age of 73.

Mr. Means carried on the weaving business some time after he settled in Amherst, but finally abandoned it and engaged wholly in mercantile pursuits. He was noted for honesty, fair dealing, and close attention to business, and in time became one of the most widely known and distinguished merchants in the town or state. His marriage was a fortunate one, his wife proving to be a true help-mate.

His property, too, increased rapidly. In 1797 and onward he paid the heaviest tax assessed on any person in town.

In 1783-4-5-6 and 9 he was elected to represent the town in the general court. He served two years in the senate, and was a member of the executive council one year. Beside this he acted as justice of the peace many years, was an officer in the militia, and treasurer of Hillsborough county for a long series of years ending with 1803.

His descendants have been numerous and respectable. One of his daughters was the wife of Judge Ellis, of this state, and afterward of Amos Lawrence. Another was the wife of Jeremiah Mason, one of the greatest jurists of his time, and another the wife of President

Appleton, of Bowdoin College. One of her daughters was the lady of the White House during the presidency of her husband, Franklin Pierce.

None of the descendants of Colonel Means remain in Amherst. (See p. 689 : 1.)

WILLIAM GORDON MEANS.

(Abridged from "*Sketches of Successful New Hampshire Men.*")

Among his associates Mr. Means is remembered as a quick-witted boy, fond of adventure and overflowing with fun. He received his education in the village schools and at Pinkerton Academy in Derry.

In the autumn of 1830 he went to Boston and entered the store of Daniel McGregor, then a dealer in dry goods, finding employment, after an apprenticeship of four or five years, in the house of Robert Appleton & Co.

The commercial crisis of 1837 threw him out of employment, and he returned to his home in Amherst.

In 1838 he became clerk of the Amoskeag Manufacturing Company, at Manchester, taking charge of the books and pay-roll of the land and water power department, then under the direction of Robert Read, Esq. The knowledge and experience acquired in this position qualified him for the important agencies that have since engrossed his time.

He resigned this position in 1854 and united with others in organizing a company for building railway engines. By the act of incorporation it took the name of the "Manchester Locomotive Works." Without adequate capital, in adverse times, with no reputation as builders, and a limited capacity for construction, it was not easy to obtain patronage. But with a pluck and persistence that deserved success, the proprietors determined to make only first-class engines, and at the end of ten years they had gained a position which commanded a wide confidence.

Since that time the business, with some slight interruption, has steadily increased so that the number, weight, and value of the engines now built in a month, often exceeds the entire product of some former years.

In 1858 Mr. Means was elected treasurer of the Salmon Falls Manufacturing Company. The mills of this company were in the eastern portion of the state, and for convenience of access he removed his family to Andover, Mass., still retaining his place as treasurer of the locomotive-works, and having an office for the business of both companies in Boston. Under his management the condition of the Salmon Falls company was much improved. The capital stock of the company was, by cash payment to its stockholders, reduced from \$1,000,000 to

\$600,000. New mills were erected, and the productive capacity of the concern enlarged one fourth, without any assessments or sacrifices on the part of the stockholders,—a result which illustrates beyond dispute the good judgment and skill of the management. Mr. Means resigned the treasurership September 1, 1877.

In politics Mr. Means has been Whig and Republican. Conversant with the affairs of government, and a careful observer of public men, he has manifested a generous appreciation of the good qualities of those with whom he did not agree. Loving justice and abhorring the wrongs by which any class of his fellow-men suffered injury, he strongly adhered to the principles, and steadfastly upheld the policy, of the party with which he voted. In 1854 he was elected representative from ward three in Manchester, and served one term in the house at Concord. Having removed from ward three, he was not elected a second time.

In religion Mr. Means has firmly held to the evangelical system of doctrine. In early manhood he made profession of his faith by uniting with the Congregational church in his native town—transferring his membership to the Hanover-street church in Manchester, and thence to the South church in Andover, with successive changes of residence. In all of these places he has proved a staunch friend of the ministry, and a liberal supporter of Christian institutions. A man of clear convictions and of marked independence of character, he has not stood aloof from the community, but, cherishing a hearty respect for human nature, he has taken an active part in the popular movements in behalf of education and local improvements. To the appeals for charitable aid, whether coming from individuals, churches, or institutions of learning, the response has been cordial. The establishment of the Means prizes at Phillips Academy, illustrates his discriminating beneficence. In times of difficulty and depression he has been helpful in bearing burdens, making good deficiencies, and quietly upholding the cause he had espoused.

He is still interested in the welfare of the church and the state, thoughtful of his friends and former associates, considerate of neighbors, and bestowing sympathy and assistance where they are needed, seeks to keep alive the ancient virtues of New England life, and maintain the best standards of service and citizenship. (See p. 680: 14.)

THOMAS W. MELENDY

Removed to Germantown, Ohio, in 1819, and engaged in the manufacture of fanning mills for cleaning grain. From Germantown he removed to Cincinnati, whence, in 1843, he removed to Jacksonville, Ill., where the remainder of his life was spent.

He was one of the four or five original anti-slavery men in Jacksonville, and prior to 1840 assisted in securing the freedom of a slave woman who had been brought to Jacksonville, when her master sought to carry her back to bondage.

Owing to his course in this matter, and his outspoken advocacy of anti-slavery doctrines, he became unpopular in Jacksonville, and, with the members of his family, was subjected to many annoyances and persecutions from his neighbors. These, however, ceased before his death, and he was universally considered to be an intelligent, upright man, possessed of independence enough to follow his convictions of right though they came in conflict with the opinions of a large majority of his fellow-citizens. (See p. 692 : 18.)

DR. GEORGE W. MOORE,

A native of Princeton, Mass.; born in 1820; graduated at Dartmouth College in 1841; studied medicine and received the degree of M. D. from the University of Pennsylvania in 1843. He commenced practice in Amherst in July, 1843; married Miss Margaret Ramsay, of Greenfield, but left no children.

He died 8 September, 1866. Mrs. Moore married (2) Dr. Leonard French, of Manchester, 25 June, 1867.

Dr. Moore was a good scholar, and a well-read, skillful physician, but rough and eccentric in his manner. While here he was a somewhat active member of the Democratic party, and served as school commissioner for the county some years. He also served on the town school committee. He was appointed register of probate for Hillsborough county 5 September, 1852, but was removed by Gov. Metcalf upon the "address" of the "Know Nothing" legislature of 1853.

WILLIAM S. MORTON,

Born in Roxbury, Mass., 22 September, 1809, died in Quincy, Mass., 21 September, 1871.

He graduated at Harvard University in 1831; read law with Sidney Bartlett, Esq.; commenced practice in the office of Perley Dodge, Esq. in Amherst, in 1840, but in a short time removed to Quincy, where the remainder of his life was spent. He married Miss Mary J. W. Grimes, a niece of Hon. Levi Woodbury, 3 October, 1839, by whom he had six children. One of their sons served in the cavalry in the recent war, and lost his life in consequence of exposure and suffering. Another son served in the navy.

## CAPT. JOSIAH MUNROE

Removed from Lexington, Mass., to Amherst about 1777. He served a short time in the French war in 1762. Early in the Revolution he served a few months in New Jersey. In 1777 he enlisted in the third N. H. Regiment, where he continued until the close of the war, rising to the rank of captain 5 July, 1780. His kinsman, Abraham Munroe, who died in Ashburnham, Mass., in 1825, claimed to have fired the first gun discharged at the British on Lexington common, 19 April, 1775.

In 1788 Capt. Munroe joined the first party of emigrants to the north-western territory, and assisted in making the first settlement within the state of Ohio. He died in Marietta, O. (See p. 702: 1.)

## REUBEN MUSSEY,

Grandfather of Professor Reuben D. Mussey, removed from Kingston to Souhegan West, and settled on the farm now owned by William Noyes.

He sometimes got into trouble with his neighbors about the boundaries of his farm and the line fences. On one occasion he had quite a dispute about a line fence with Lt. Joseph Prince, whose premises adjoined his. He told Prince he didn't see why he couldn't get along better with Amherst folks; he never had any trouble with his neighbors in Kingston; they were all friendly, and when he moved away many of them turned out and gave him a day's work to help him off.

"Amherst folks would do better than that," said Prince. "There are many of them who would gladly give a week's work to get rid of you." (See p. 703: 33, 2.)

## DR. REUBEN DIMOND MUSSEY

Lived in Amherst from 1791 to about 1801. He acquired a liberal education, mainly through his own exertions, graduating at Dartmouth College in 1803, in the class with Edmund Parker, Henry Hubbard, and other eminent men; fitted for his profession under the instruction of Dr. Smith, of Hanover, and Dr. Howe, of Jaffrey. He also attended the medical lectures at Hanover, where he took the degree of Bachelor of Medicine in 1806. In September of that year he commenced practice in Ipswich, Mass., but subsequently settled in Salem.

In 1814 he was appointed to a professorship in the New Hampshire Medical College, and at various periods between that time and 1837 he filled the medical professorship in that college.

In 1837 he accepted a professorship in the Ohio Medical College at Cincinnati, where he remained fourteen years. He then founded the



Miami Medical College, where he labored six years. Finally, at the age of seventy-eight years, he relinquished his professional duties and retired to Boston where the remainder of his life was spent.

"As a surgeon he was bold and fearless, and ever ready to assume any legitimate responsibility. As a lecturer he was always respected and beloved by his students. From his youth he was a constant and devout Christian, and his record is without a blemish. Few have lived such a life of usefulness as he did." (See p. 703: 11.)



GEN. MOSES NICHOLS

Commenced practice as a physician in Amherst about 1761; served several years as one of the selectmen and as a representative. At the commencement of the war for independence he took an active part in behalf of the popular cause. He was appointed colonel of the fifth regiment 5 December, 1776, in place of Colonel Lutwyche, of Merrimack, a loyalist. He commanded the right wing of Stark's army at Bennington, and his regiment commenced the attack upon the Hessian entrenchment. In 1778 he was placed at the head of a regiment sent to assist Gen. Sullivan at Rhode Island, and in 1780 he was in command of a regiment at West Point at the time of Arnold's treason. After the close of the war he was appointed brigadier-general of the fourth brigade of New Hampshire militia.

On the organization of the state government under the temporary constitution, 5 January, 1776, he was appointed register of deeds for Hillsborough county, and held the office until his death. (See p. 707: IV, 6.)



HON. EDMUND PARKER

Graduated at Dartmouth College in 1803; succeeded David Everett, Esq., in the practice of law at Amherst in 1807; was moderator of the annual town meeting six years, and representative ten years, county solicitor and judge of probate. He was also one of the trustees of Dartmouth College a long time. In 1835 he removed to Nashua, where he was agent for the Jackson Manufacturing Company several years.

He was a well-read lawyer, faithful in all the business entrusted to his care, a peace-maker, an excellent citizen, and a worthy man.

In his old age he went to reside with his daughter, at Claremont, where he died 8 September, 1856. (See p. 715: 42.)

#### CHIEF JUSTICE JOEL PARKER

Studied law with his brother, Edmund, on the Plain. Like his brother, he abounded in fun in which there was sometimes mixed a tolerable share of mischief.

While residing here he was called upon to do military duty in "Old West," one "May training day." Orderly Sergeant "Tom" Wilkins, who officiated on that occasion for the first time in that capacity, was busily engaged in forming the company, passing in front to see that all was right: just as he had passed Parker that worthy sought to accomplish his overthrow by placing his musket in such a position that he would stumble over it. The trick was discovered in season to prevent the accomplishment of its purpose, and its perpetrator was saluted by a blow from the fist of the officer which laid him on the ground. He soon regained his feet, and ever after treated the sergeant with the "most distinguished consideration."

#### CÆSAR PARKER.

Fifty years ago no training, muster, cattle show, or Fourth of July celebration, could have been successfully carried on without the presence of Cæsar Parker, a jolly, good-natured African, black as the ace of spades, whom the boys, young and old, rather irreverently called "Old Cæsar," and took delight in tormenting.

Cæsar is said to have been a native of Boston, whence, in his youth, he was brought to Litchfield and held as a slave. The successful war for independence put an end to slavery in the Granite State, and thenceforth Cæsar was one of the sovereigns of the land. Marrying a white woman he settled on a small farm in the south part of Mont Vernon, adjoining Amherst, and his marriage proving a fruitful one, he soon rejoiced in a large family, principally boys, to one of whom he gave the name of the worthy "Pastor of the Church in Milford."

He was accused of being addicted to petty pilfering, and stories are told of some rather slippery dealings in regard to a load of fish he was assisting a dealer in getting up Mont Vernon hill; but whatever his failings in this regard might have been, they were generally detected and promptly punished by the attendants at the old Read store, who, after the toils of the day were over, met at that somewhat celebrated manufactory of "Weston's Itch Ointment" and emporium of dry

goods and groceries, to talk politics, drink flip, or something stronger, and organize raids upon old buildings that were obnoxious to "Dea Carleton's" company. One of the performances of this society, we may infer, was described by George Wilkins Kendall, himself an honorary member, at least, of the club, in the "melting story" published in the *New Orleans Picayune* some years since.

One winter our hero unfortunately lost his cow, that had contributed largely to the support of his numerous family. On making his loss known to Judge Parker, who then had a law office on the Plain, he received a handsome contribution toward purchasing another animal. The judge also furnished him with a paper commending the bearer to the consideration of charitably disposed people, which Cæsar circulated, and soon received enough to enable him to purchase another cow.

That cow paper did duty for a long time, and over a large extent of territory. When change grew scarce Cæsar started off on a collecting tour, and seldom returned without a supply of the needful.

In his old age Cæsar went to Rhode Island, where, in the vicinity of Newport, he died in 1858, at the age of about 96 years.

#### DR. JOHN PEABODY,

Of the north-west parish, visited Milford 9 August, 1798, wearing a French cockade on his hat. A large collection of citizens of the place soon gathered around the house where he stopped, and requested him to remove the French emblem which they regarded as a badge of treason. Upon his refusal to do this, and attempts to defend himself with a butcher-knife, while cursing the constitution of the country, recourse was had to arguments stronger than requests; the cockade and hat were dismantled, and the doctor was seen parading through the doorway with his heels in the air. The citizens then formed a circle around him and gave three cheers for the triumphs of Federalism, after which the doctor was dismissed, with an intimation that, if he visited the town again wearing a cockade, the *mill pond* would be at his service. — *Village Messenger*, August 11, 1798. (See p. 722: VI, 10.)

#### CAPT. JOSEPH PERKINS, JR.,

From Beverly or Wenham, Mass., settled in Amherst prior to the war for independence. In that contest he served on board a privateer vessel, which was taken by the British and the crew carried prisoners of war to Ireland, whence they were taken to England and were confined in what was called the "Mill Prison." While in prison he worked at tailoring, that being his trade, in which way he contrived to get some money, which made his lot more tolerable than that of many others. Tradition says that when he had secured a guinea he

would cover it with cloth and sew it on his coat for a button. After his release he returned to Amherst, where he spent the remainder of his life a useful and respected citizen. (See p. 727: 2.)

EZRA PRESCOTT, ESQ.,

Read law with Hon. Titus Brown; commenced practice in Frances-town, whence, in 1824, he removed to Greenfield. He was elected register of deeds for Hillsborough county in March, 1828, and removed to Amherst in the fall of that year. He held the office of register until 1840, after which he resumed the practice of his profession. He married Miss Elizabeth Hardy, of Roxbury, N. H., in May, 1830; and died 28 September, 1845, aged 64 years, leaving no children.

SAMUEL PRESTON,

Son of Dr. John and Rebecca (Farrar) Preston, was born in New Ipswich 24 June, 1778. He learned the printer's trade and succeeded Samuel Cushing in the publication of the *Village Messenger*, at Amherst, 18 April, 1797, which he continued to edit and publish until 5 December, 1801, when the publication was discontinued.

He left Amherst soon after, and engaged in trade in Dunstable, where he continued until 1800. There he married Esther, daughter of Timothy Taylor, Esq., 30 December, 1804.

In 1819 he removed to Bronson, Huron county, Ohio, where he continued two years. In 1821 he removed to Norwalk, in the same county. There he resided through the remainder of his life. In February, 1830, he commenced the publication of the *Huron Reflector*, in which he was engaged until his death, which took place 3 March, 1852.

He filled many important offices to the satisfaction of his constituents, and departed, leaving no enemies behind.

*Joseph Prince*

LIEUT. JOSEPH PRINCE

Was probably the only one of the original proprietors of the township who settled here permanently. He is said to have laid out the road from his cabin to the first meeting-house by following the sound of the hammers of the workmen who were engaged in building the house.

During the French and Indian wars block-houses were built in various parts of the town for the protection of the settlers. For some time he declined taking refuge in the block house at night, but finally,

suspecting that the Indians were lurking around, he sprinkled ash on the ground around his dwelling, and the next morning saw tracks made by Indian moccasins during the night. After this he was more careful. On one occasion, as he was going to the block-house in the evening, an Indian arrow whizzed past his head, without touching him. The next day he found the arrow sticking in a tree near the path which he followed to the garrison-house. (See p. 731: III. 1.)

*Daniel Prior*

CAPT. DANIEL PRIOR,

Born at Nantucket, 1760; died in Amherst 14 October, 1803: married Abigail, daughter of Capt. Nathaniel Woodbury, in 1784. He was born in 1760; died 6 January, 1811.

He purchased the house on the Plain, now occupied by Isaac P. Kean, in January, 1799, in which he resided, and kept a grocery and dry goods store. There also he kept the post-office from 1803 until his death. In 1802 he commenced the manufacture of twine in a building he had erected on the farm of his father-in-law, in the southern part of the town, in which business he was engaged at the time of his death.

ROBERT READ, ESQ.,

Commenced his business career as clerk in a store at Chelmsford, Mass. Subsequently he returned to Amherst, where he was a successful merchant for nearly thirty years. In 1835 he removed to Nashua, where he acted as agent of the Nashua Manufacturing Company. In 1841 he removed to Manchester, having received the appointment of agent of the Amoskeag Manufacturing Company. This office he filled nearly fourteen years, and during the period of his agency a large portion of the operations of the Amoskeag Company, in the way of building and real estate was completed.

He resigned his agency in Manchester 1 January, 1852, and returned to Nashua, where the remainder of his life was spent.

He held the office of town-clerk of Amherst thirteen years, and represented the town three years in the general court. In 1850 he served as a delegate to the constitutional convention from Manchester.

For some years he commanded the "West" company of infantry of Amherst, and in the autumn of 1814 he served three months at Portsmouth as lieutenant of one of the companies sent there to defend the place against an anticipated attack of the British fleet, then cruising

in the vicinity. In 1828 he was appointed aide-de-camp to Gov. John Bell, with the rank of colonel.

He was an active and enterprising business man, and by his industry accumulated a handsome estate. (See p. 741.)

LUTHER ROBY, ESQ.,

Learned the printer's trade in the office of the *Farmers' Cabinet*, and worked a short time as a journeyman printer in Boston, but returned to Amherst, where he opened a printing office and book-store. Late in the autumn of 1822 he removed to Concord, where, on the 6th of January, 1823, he issued the first number of the *New Hampshire Statesman*, which he continued until June following, when he disposed of the establishment to Amos A. Parker, the paper being printed in his office for sometime afterward. He continued in the printing business, to which he subsequently added the manufacture of stereotype plates, and in connection with Samuel A. Kimball and Rufus Merrill, under the firm of Roby, Kimball & Merrill, did a large business in the manufacture of bibles, testaments, and school-books. In 1839 he was engaged in the construction of a canal to extend the navigation of the Merrimack, above Concord, but the building of the Northern railroad, shortly after, caused the abandonment of the undertaking, to the serious loss of those engaged in it.

Mr. Roby next engaged in opening the granite ledges on Rattlesnake Hill, and for some years did a large business in quarrying and furnishing granite for building purposes.

He contributed largely toward establishing the "Lyndeborough Glass Company," and was for some time employed in opening a graphite mine in Goshen.

He was for many years a member of the Concord Fire Department, and for some time its chief-engineer.

In 1837 and 1849 he was one of the representatives from Concord in the general court.

Mr. Roby was an active man in every thing he undertook. He possessed a gift of language seldom equaled, and many of his quaint, original sayings, are well remembered by his acquaintances. (See p. 748 : 6.)

DAVID RUSSELL, ESQ.,

Carried on the shoe business in town as manufacturer and dealer, fifty years. He also kept a drug store a short time. He was post-master one year; served as town-clerk six years; was secretary of the Hillsborough County Fire Insurance Company a long time, and received a commission as justice of the peace in 1846.

He became connected with the Congregational church in his native town, from which his relations were transferred to the church in Amherst, in 1821. In, 1823 he became a member of Benevolent Lodge, No. 7, Free and Accepted Masons, and was for some time the oldest living member in both organizations.

For some years he was contemporary with several of the old residents in the town, from whom he learned many facts in regard to its early history. These he treasured up, and in his old age his mind was a perfect store-house of events connected with the history of the town, and its inhabitants, which he loved to rehearse to visitors. For some ten years preceding his death he was totally blind.

He was a man of strict integrity, a kind friend and neighbor, and a public-spirited citizen. (See p. 752 : 1.)

JOHN SABATTEA,

Who had served in the British army, under Burgoyne, was taken sick of a fever, in Amherst, during November, 1784, which resulted in a sore on his leg. Being wholly without means he applied to the selectmen for relief. As he had gained no settlement in any town, no one was liable for his support, but out of pity the selectmen requested Mr. Samuel Dodge to take him into his home and care for him, which he did for twenty-two days, charging therefor £6, 12s. Dr. Codman then boarded him eighteen and a half weeks, for which he charged £17, 1s., 2d. He also presented a bill for medicine of £4, 5s., 10d. : and Dr. Weston presented one of 15s., for advice and medicine, making, in the whole, £31, 12s., which the town directed the selectmen to ask the general court to refund, in June, 1788.

COL. PAUL DUDLEY SARGENT,

Son of Col. Epes and Catherine Dudley Sargent, was born at Gloucester, Mass., in 1745. His father soon after removed to Salem, where it is probable the son passed his youth and early manhood.

Driven from Massachusetts by the enmity of Gov. Hutchinson, he came to Amherst about 1773. His father having been one of the proprietors of the town he possessed several tracts of land here, which had become his by inheritance.

He early took a decided stand in behalf of the colonists in their struggle with the mother country. He represented Amherst wholly or in part in the first, second, third, and fourth, provincial congresses, held at Exeter, Moses Parsons, Esq., being his colleague in the two last.

In the month of May, 1775, he raised a small regiment, with which he repaired to Cambridge, and entered the army encamped there.

In the month of November following his regiment was known as the Sixteenth Massachusetts. He continued in the service until after the evacuation of Boston by the British, in March, 1776, when he marched with the rest of the army to New York. During the summer of 1776 he acted as brigadier-general, and his services in West Chester county, in the latter part of that year, were highly creditable to him and useful to the country.

It is not known when he retired from active service or from what cause.

He subsequently resided in Sullivan, Maine, where he died in September, 1827. His wife, a daughter of Rev. Thomas Smith, of Falmouth, and two children, survived him.

#### WILLIS SARGENT.

The following account of the discovery of "Milford Springs" is taken from a communication signed by Ebenezer Sargent, published in the *Farmers' Cabinet* 5 December, 1818:

Willis was sick of consumption, and on the forenoon of the 12th of July, preceding his death, fell asleep. During his sleep he had a dream or vision of a man standing by a large rock in a wood a short distance from his father's house, who told him there was a spring in the ground, under the spot on which he stood, the water of which when drank would cure consumption. The night following he had the same dream or vision. On the eighth day of August he had another vision, in which he saw the same man, who repeated his message, and also told him he was the angel Gabriel. He was not told that the water would cure *him*, but that it would help others, and he was very anxious to have it tried.

Some persons then dug at a short distance from the place indicated, and found water of a clayey appearance, that would not settle clear; but Willis said that was not the water he expected to find.

As he was so anxious about it, he was carried about seventy rods to the place, and indicated the precise spot on which the man stood. The men present commenced digging, but after going down about seven feet without finding water abandoned digging. After Willis's death a man, who was frequently employed to find hidden springs by means of a metallic rod, was engaged, and on going to the spot directed the parties present to dig deeper, and they would finally find water. On digging about three feet deeper they came to a fine spring which gave an abundant supply of water. (See p. 754 : 10.)



## REV. WILLIAM T. SAVAGE

Was born in Bangor, Me., 14 November, 1812; graduated at Bowdoin College in 1833; also at Lane Seminary, Ohio, where he was a teacher in Hebrew. He was ordained pastor of a Congregational Church in Houlton, Me., where he labored for some time. He was installed pastor of the Congregational Church in Amherst 25 February, 1840, and dismissed 4 April, 1843.

He preached in Maine several years after leaving Amherst, and was installed pastor of the Congregational Church in Franklin, 4 September, 1849. After a successful ministry of nearly twenty-five years he was dismissed 27 August, 1874, and is now employed in his calling in some of the Western States.

He married Mary L. Bradbury, of Alfred, Me., 5 April, 1841. She died at Franklin, leaving no children.

## CAPT. JOHN SECOMBE,

For many years one of the prominent citizens of Amherst, was a native, and through his whole life a resident, of the town.

In early manhood he took quite an interest in military matters, and at one time commanded the artillery company in the 5th Regiment N. H. Militia, whence he obtained the title of captain, by which, as was customary in those times, he was ever after known.

He served on the board of selectmen twenty years; was moderator of the annual town meeting sixteen years, and represented the town in the general court three years. He was also treasurer of the county of Hillsborough seven years, and held a commission as justice of the peace twenty-five years.

Politically he was a Republican of the school of Jefferson and Madison, but with many others of like faith supported John Quincy Adams for the presidency in 1828, and thenceforth acted with the National Republican, Whig, and Republican parties, in opposition to the Jackson or Democratic Republican party.

He was a Calvinist in his religious belief, and, at the time of his death, was the oldest member of the Congregational Church in Amherst.

He was a man of few words, firm and decided in his opinions, possessed a good share of perseverance in his undertakings, and was a believer in honest work. His own work was well done, better in many cases than his pecuniary interests would warrant. Much of it still remains to bear witness to his faithfulness and honesty.

A lover of reading, he delighted in collecting books and newspapers and spent much of his leisure time in their perusal, thereby becoming

familiar with historical matters and the current events of the day.  
(See p. 759: V. 26.)



NATHANIEL SHATTUCK, ESQ.,

Graduated at Dartmouth College in 1801, in the class with Daniel Webster; read law with Benjamin J. Gilbert, of Hanover, and Timothy Biglow, of Groton, Mass., and was admitted to the Middlesex bar in 1804. He commenced practice in Milford in 1806. Prior to 1812 he removed to Amherst, where he remained until the summer of 1830, when he removed to Mason. He afterward removed to Brookline, where he remained in the practice of his profession until the failure of his eyesight, in 1844. His sight was partially restored by a surgical operation, but he did not resume practice. Later he became deranged, and died of an apoplectic attack at the Asylum for the Insane, in Concord, 1 September, 1864, at the age of 90 years.

His father was one of the fifty-three who fell with the meeting-house frame, at Wilton, 7 September, 1773. (See p. 761.)



COL. JOHN SHEPARD, JR.,

Seems to have been the first justice of the peace appointed in Amherst, his name being found in the list of the eighty justices who held commissions in the Province in 1767. His services in that capacity seem to have given general satisfaction to his townsmen, and we find the selectmen petitioning for his re-appointment in August, 1785. Their petition may serve as a model for those who desire a similar favor at the present time.

*To His Excellency the President and the Honorable the Council in and for the State of New Hampshire:*

It is known that for some time John Shephard, Jr., Esq., of this town, held office in the executive department under the last administration, and as far as we know to a good deal of satisfaction, and at and since the commencement of the hostilities, appeared to have imbibed the true Republican principles, and if he might now have a commission on the peace, on the one hand we hope it would not be a

disgrace to the commission; on the other, we believe it would give very general satisfaction to the people.

Signed

	THOMAS WAKEFIELD,	} <i>Selectmen</i> of } <i>Amherst.</i>
	JOSHUA LOVEJOY,	
(See p. 764: 2.)	ELI WILKINS,	

REV. ASA DODGE SMITH

Removed with his parents to Mont Vernon shortly after its incorporation; thence to Weston, Vt., about 1810. He was apprenticed to Ide & Aldrich, of Windsor, Vt., 10 December, 1819, and worked in their printing office some years. Being desirous of obtaining a liberal education, he procured a discharge from his apprenticeship, and entered upon a course of study. He graduated at Dartmouth College in 1830; was principal of Limerick, Me., academy one year, after which he entered Andover Theological Seminary, whence he graduated in 1834. Shortly after he was ordained and installed pastor of the 14th Street Presbyterian Church in New York city, which position he ably and successfully filled until October, 1863, when he resigned. He was then inaugurated President of Dartmouth College, which office he filled until 1 March, 1877, when he resigned on account of ill health. He received the honorary degree of D. D. from Williams College, in 1849, and of LL. D. from the University of New York in 1864. (See p. 772: 35.)

HON. JEDIDIAH KILBURN SMITH,

A native of Amherst, son of Jonathan Smith, read law with Judge Dana, and commenced practice about 1800. He was an active Republican politician; was chosen representative to Congress in 1806, and served one term of two years; served as councilor for Hillsborough district in 1810-11, and lacked but one vote of being elected senator in congress in 1810. He afterward filled several minor offices in the county and town. His last years were made miserable by his intemperate habits. He died 17 December, 1828, aged 59 years. (See p. 774: 53.)

DR. MATTHIAS SPALDING

Began his studies in Westford Academy, under the instruction of Professor Hedge; graduated at Harvard College in 1798, in the class with Stephen Longfellow, William Ellery Channing, and Joseph Story, and although he was the oldest member of his class, he survived all but two of them.

He studied his profession with Dr. Benjamin Waterhouse, of Cambridge, and Dr. E. A. Holyoke, of Salem. In 1801 he went to London.

where he attended medical lectures, and devoted himself to acquiring the knowledge afforded by its medical schools and hospitals. He attended the lectures of Sir Astley Cooper, and the younger Cline, and received from them many marks of personal attention. With Dr. Jenner he had a special acquaintance, and received from him much information relating to vaccination—a subject in which he was much interested. Dr. Batchelder, of New York, one of his pupils, says, “Perhaps it would not be too much to say that, with the exception of Dr. Waterhouse, he did more than any other man to introduce that important practice into this country.”

On his return home, in 1802, he was the bearer of a letter from Dr. Jenner to Dr. Waterhouse, with the celebrated silver snuff-box, containing vaccine, and having on it the inscription, “From the Jenner of the old world to the Jenner of the new.”

Soon after his return Dr. Spalding commenced practice in his native town, where he remained four years, and secured a large business and a high reputation as a surgeon.

In 1806 he removed to Amherst, where the remainder of his life was spent.

Although his constitution was originally feeble, by regularity of life, and a careful abstinence from all injurious indulgences, he was enabled to perform a vast amount of professional labor.

Sensible of the advantages that would accrue to the profession and the public from a more intimate acquaintance of physicians with one another, he exerted himself to bring the regular physicians of his neighborhood together for mutual improvement and professional culture, and to him, more than to any other one, is due the establishment of the Southern District New Hampshire Medical Society, of which he was, for many years, the president and librarian.

In 1809 he was elected a member of the New Hampshire Medical Society, of which he was vice-president from 1815 to 1821 inclusive, and president in 1822 and 1823. In 1817 he received the honorary degree of Doctor of Medicine from Dartmouth College, and he was elected an honorary member of the New York Academy of Medicine 1 June, 1860.

Favored with an education which was superior to that of most of his medical brethren around him, he was also gifted by nature with many qualities which admirably fitted him for the profession of his choice. He was a gentleman in heart and manners, and his integrity and purity of character were never questioned. His equanimity and cheerfulness rarely forsook him; calm and self-reliant, he impressed his patients with the feeling that he comprehended their situation, and would do

all that an intelligent, faithful, and cautious physician could do. He had great faith in true science, and genuine contempt for all quackery in medicine or practice.

In the early part of his professional life his office was the resort of students, many of whom attained distinction in other states as physicians and surgeons, and professors in medical institutions.

Beside his labors in his profession, he was deeply interested in agricultural matters, in which he was an enthusiast to the last years of his life. He was one of the first members of the Hillsborough County Agricultural Society, and contributed, by his example and pen, to the advancement of the objects which it was formed to promote.

Political office he never sought, but was always relied upon as the friend and supporter of such measures as tended to promote education, good morals, and the general welfare.

He was a member of the Congregational church, to which he was warmly attached, and in which he held the office of deacon for nearly half a century.

After a long and useful life he went to his rest 22 May, 1865. (See p. 777 : V. 1.)

#### DR. EDWARD SPALDING

Graduated at Dartmouth College in 1833; studied medicine with his father, and at Harvard Medical School, graduating M. D. in 1837; began practice immediately at Nashua, and there continues; has often been a member of the municipal government, and was mayor of the city in 1864.

He became a trustee of Dartmouth College in 1866, and in 1877 and 1878 was a member of the executive council. (See p. 578 : 5.)

#### DR. ALFRED SPALDING

Spent two years in Dartmouth College and some time in Yale. He studied medicine with his father and Dr. Reuben D. Mussey, and received the degree of M. D. from Dartmouth in 1843.

He commenced the practice of his profession at Greenup, Ky., soon after receiving his degree.

He had a natural aptitude for his profession, in which he greatly resembled his father. With the genial, quiet manners of the courteous gentleman he united the discriminating and cautious judgment of a superior mind.

In his practice his industry and pains-taking fidelity soon won the confidence of all classes.

During the Rebellion his house was a hospital for the wounded soldiers, and his services were sought by those who did not sympathize with his loyalty to the old flag.











His enthusiasm in the study of medicine never abated. The latest reports and the most improved surgical instruments and apparatus—every thing possessing any advantage to his profession—was examined, even though it deprived him of needed rest and sleep.

He was a good horseman, and when he came into the possession of lands suited to the purpose, devoted some time to the raising of his favorite animals.

His interest in all local enterprises and improvements was constant and practical, and he made many and fast friends.

His health failing, he relinquished his practice, and, the summer before his death, revisited his birth-place, for a time with some benefit; but it proved not to be permanent, and in November he returned, by slow stages, to his home, where he died 20 December, 1878. (See p. 578: 6.)

ISAAC SPALDING, ESQ.,

Came to Amherst as a clerk in the store of Robert Read, Esq., in 1809. In 1816 he became a partner in business with Mr. Read, and so continued for ten years, during part of which time he was post-master. In 1826 he removed to Nashua and soon became the most prominent merchant in that thriving village. After twelve years in business he retired to engage in railroad and other enterprises. He served either as director, treasurer, or president of the Concord Railroad, from its incorporation in 1835 to 1866. For more than twenty-five years he was president of the Nashua Bank, which wound up its affairs in 1869.

He was chosen one of the trustees of the New Hampshire Asylum for the Insane in 1863, and on the death of Rev. Charles Burroughs, in 1869, succeeded him as president of that institution.

He served several years on the board of selectmen in Nashua; represented the town in the legislature and in the constitutional convention in 1850, and was a member of the executive council in 1866 and 1867.

In the civil war he was appointed financial agent of the government, and assisted in providing means for the country's success in that struggle.

By close attention to business and good management he became the wealthiest citizen in Hillsborough county, and perhaps in the state.

In his will the sum of ten thousand dollars is bequeathed to each of the towns of New Ipswich, Wilton, and Amherst, to be paid in one year from the decease of his widow, and kept by each of those towns as a permanent fund to be known as the "Spalding fund," and securely invested, the annual income from which is to be added, year by year, to the money raised by the town for the support of schools, and ex-

pendent as such money is now, or may hereafter be required to be expended by the laws of the state. (See p. 778 : 10.)

MR. SWINGTON,

A cooper, and an excellent workman, lived on the place in Pond parish since occupied by peddler Kearney. He was not satisfied with Mr. Barnard's preaching, and would walk to Merrimack to hear Mr. Burnap.

Mr. Barnard employed him to do his coopering, and being at his shop one day, the conversation turned upon his going to Merrimack to hear Mr. Burnap preach. "Why do you do it?" said Mr. B.

"Why do you come to me to get your coopering done?" replied Swington. "There are other coopers nearer you, who would be glad to do it."

"Because," said Mr. Barnard, "I think you do better work than they, and I am willing to go farther to get it."

"That is just the reason why I go to hear Mr. Burnap preach," said Swington, "he does the best work."

JOHN TAGGART

Served three years in the Continental army for Amherst. He was born at Roxbury, Mass., 22 February, 1750; removed to Peterborough, with his parents, when two years old; lived there, and in Sharon, until 1797, when he removed to Dublin, where he died 15 November, 1832. He was orderly-sergeant in Capt. Marcy's company on Bunker Hill. On the retreat from that battle, being thirsty, he stopped his companions, and, after taking a drink from his canteen, said: "Now let us trust in God and take another run."

EBEN TAYLOR, JR.,

Acquired a good education, and was employed as a teacher a large portion of his life. The following description of the old "Taylor" school district, from his pen, had a large circulation at the time it was issued:

"OUR NEIGHBORHOOD.

Our neighborhood's a pleasant place as one could wish to see, sir,  
And all the folks are peaceable and live in harmony, sir.  
No place, you'll find, in all our State where there's so little rumpus,  
And where so many likely chaps live in so small a compass.  
Into his neighbor's business, sir, there's no one ever prying.  
A pious place it is, also, as one could set his foot in,  
Where people read their bible, sir, and always go to meeting.  
Few wicked folks can here be found, a circumstance quite rare, sir.

And very seldom will you find a man who'll ever swear, sir.  
A wealthy place it is, also, although it looks so greasy,  
Chock full of every kind of trash, of suet skins and specie.  
On it the hardness of the times have made no great impression,  
And factories of every kind have risen in succession.  
It's on the road to Boston, too, about a mile from town,  
Where you can see the people's carts as they are going down.  
Right through it runs a pretty brook, a better one none wishes,  
Where often on a summer's day they catch the little fishes.  
And on its surface, too, I've seen the swallows often skimming,  
And little boys, that went to school for mischief's sake, a swimming.  
Green grows the grass upon its banks, and green the banks do look,  
sir.

Across it, too, they've built a bridge all out of stone and mortar.  
Nigh to this bridge, as you go up, once lived old COL. WARNER,  
And over it the people pass to go to "Cricket Corner."  
Some dozen rods above it, too, long before you were born, sir,  
There was a mill for sawing boards, and one for grinding corn, sir.  
Our neighborhood's a thriving place,—for business men, a station  
Where people can be found of almost every occupation.  
The names of these, with your consent, I'll now proceed to mention,  
If you'll just listen to my speech and to me pay attention.  
OLD TIM lives here, the same Old Tim that used to make the bricks,  
Though of late he's changed his trade and gone to making whips.  
Beside this business, also, for exercise and sport, sir,  
He lets the people out of jail, and cries, too, for the court, sir.  
Not far from him, some fifty rods, upon a little hill, sir,  
E. TAYLOR lives, the clothing man, who tends the fulling-mill, sir.  
Here AMOS UPHAM lives, also, that makes the wooden boxes,  
And WALTER READ, the trapping man, that catches all the foxes.  
Here EASTMAN keeps the tavern-house, and sheds to put the teams in,  
And TOLMAN bakes the earthen pots for folks to bake the beans in.  
Here SAMUEL READ, the farmer, lives, and fills the barn with corn, sir,  
And LOVEJOY makes the powder kegs, and blows the bugle horn, sir.  
Here ENSIGN LUTHER farms it, too, and plays the violin, sir,  
And LAKEMAN makes the little kegs to put the fishes in, sir.  
Here UPTON, once a sailor, lives, though he has lately come, sir,  
And here is DANFORTH, too, who beats the old bass drum, sir.  
And here is CAPTAIN LEWIS, too, a little way from town, sir,  
And nigh unto old "Folly" bridge lives DEACON ABEL DOWNE, sir.  
And here is EBEN TAYLOR, too, whom I forgot to name, sir,  
Who kept the winter school last term, and means to keep again, sir.  
And STRATTON lives among us, too, right on the old "Forge" hill, sir,

Not more than fifty rods, or so, from TAYLOR's fulling-mill, sir.  
 Nor has ELEAZER left us yet,—our former tavern-keeper,  
 And DICKINSON has come at last, the beater of the beater,  
 Who various kinds of capers cuts, is never known to blunder,  
 Turns somersets and earthen pots, and sets the world to wonder.  
 Then down the road lives LEONARD T., a man of genius rare, sir,  
 Who makes the pretty little busks for all the girls to wear, sir;  
 Who makes all kinds of wooden things, of maple, pine, and birch, sir,  
 And is a very nice young man belonging to the church, sir.  
 A temperance man is Leonard T., and never drinks the bitters;  
 Neighbor to him is UNCLE BILL, that keeps the horned critters.  
 But I've not mentioned all the folks, the place is wider still,  
 For through the woods lives COL. TOM, who tends the cider-mill.  
 And now the list is incomplete, admitting great extension,  
 And, as an auctioneer would say, 'too numerous to mention.'  
 But those whom I've neglected, sir, will pardon the omission,  
 For I've just reserved their names unto my next edition.

(See p. 790 : 3.)

Amherst, N. H., March 13, 1834."

DAVID UNDERHILL,

A native of Chester, learned the wheelwright and carriage-maker's trade in the shop of Lewis Downing, in Concord, N. H., and afterward carried on the business in that place, in company with John Titcomb. About 1825 he removed to Amherst and established his business here. He soon became a somewhat prominent Democratic politician, and was appointed post-master in 1829. This office he held until his death.

In 1834 he was elected treasurer of Hillsborough county, and held the office three years.

About 1834 he relinquished the wheelwright business, and engaged in trade on the Plain, in the store occupied for many years by William and Robert Read.

ELISHA F. WALLACE,

A native of Amherst, graduated at Dartmouth College in 1811; read law with Solomon K. Livermore, Esq., of Milford; commenced practice in Marblehead, Mass., and remained there until 1820, when he removed to Amherst. Here he remained until 1825, when he removed to Syracuse, N. Y., where he died in 1874.

*Samuel Walton*

SAMUEL WALTON,

A native of Reading, Mass., was one of the first settlers in Souhegan West in 1735. He seems finally to have located himself in the easterly

part of the town, near Babboosuck pond. His name appears occasionally on the proprietors' records, and is affixed to a petition for assistance against the Indians, sent to the governor and council 13 May, 1747, but it is not found on the tax-list of 1760.

From the records of the probate court we learn that William Walton was appointed administrator of his estate 9 June, 1774. Probably he died a short time previous to that date. All of his descendants must have left town shortly after, as the name does not appear on the Association Test paper of 1776. (See p. 811 : 3.)

THOMAS G. WELLS.

Mr. Wells was a native of Hopkinton. Before coming to Amherst he was employed in the office of the *Christian Register* at Boston. After leaving Amherst he was for a short time one of the proprietors of the *New Hampshire Statesman* at Concord. Quitting this, he was employed as a journeyman printer in the office of Luther Roby.

In 1826 he sailed in the ship *Beverly*, from Boston, with the intention of establishing a press at some point on the western coast of South America.

On the passage out, 15 November, 1826, the ship was burned, and two of the officers, six seamen, Mr. Wells, and some others, escaped in a pinnace and landed at Paramaribo, Guiana, on the fifteenth day after the destruction of the ship. After this he led a sort of roving life for some years, traveling from place to place. On the breaking out of the gold fever, in 1849, he went to California and established himself in the express and banking business at San Francisco. At the time of the great fire in that place, he remained in his office, in a fire-proof building, until the surrounding buildings were enveloped in flame, and the heat became almost unendurable. On attempting to escape he found the iron doors of his office were so expanded by the heat that they could not readily be opened. After a long time, during which his hands were severely burned, he succeeded in opening the doors and making his egress; but the wooden buildings on both sides of the street for a long distance were a mass of flames, through which he was obliged to pass to reach a place of safety. This he finally accomplished, barely escaping with his life; but he bore the marks of that terrible run on his crippled frame ever after. He died at Hopkinton some years since.

ISAAC WHEELER,

Long an honored citizen of Amherst, was, in early life, a shipwright, and worked at his trade in the Charlestown navy-yard several years.

He also assisted in fitting out Commodore Perry's fleet on Lake Erie in 1813.

Some years after the close of the war he settled on the place formerly owned by Samuel Stanley, and now owned by Mr. Francis W. Holbrook, on which he made many improvements.

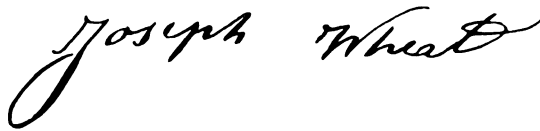
He was an excellent mechanic and farmer. Politically he was a Republican of the school of Jefferson and Madison, and, in his old age, a Whig. In his religious belief he was a staunch Universalist, and left a considerable share of his property to Tufts College. (See p. 825: 31.)

GILMAN WHEELER,

A native of Nelson, commenced business with his brother at Newton Falls. He was a clerk in the store of William Wallace, Esq., in Milford, from 1838 to 1841.

In 1841 he came to Amherst and went into business with Charles B. Tuttle, under the firm of Tuttle & Wheeler, occupying the store formerly occupied by Stewart & Lawrence. In 1844 Richard W. Boylston was admitted to the firm, and the business was carried on by the firm of Tuttle, Wheeler, & Boylston. This firm was dissolved by the death of Mr. Boylston in November, 1845. Soon after that time he commenced business in Milford in company with Mr. John Cochran, under the firm of Wheeler & Cochran. In 1853 he sold out his business in Milford and went south to recruit his health. He died suddenly, of Bright's disease, at Jacksonville, Fla., 10 December, 1872, aged 56 years.

He married (1) Miss Gratia Tuttle, of Hancock; married (2) Miss Fannie Mitchell, of Pawtucket, R. I., who survived him. He left one child, a daughter, by his first wife.



JOSEPH WHEAT,

A native of Hollis, followed a variety of occupations at different times in his life, being a stage driver, cooper, and town crier. In 1802 he was the proprietor of a stage line from Boston to Windsor, Vt. The journey from Amherst to Boston was made every Monday and Wednesday, starting at 6 A. M., and arriving at Boston on the evening of the same day. The return trips were made Wednesdays and Saturdays.

For Windsor, the stage left Amherst at 6 A. M. every Thursday, and arrived at Windsor the next day, at 11 A. M. Returning, it started

from Windsor at 1 P. M. every Friday, and arrived at Amherst on the evening of the next day. Fare from Boston to Windsor (110 miles), \$5; way passengers, 6 cents per mile.

Wheat was blessed with a nose of generous size, which was the source of much amusement to himself and acquaintances, of which the following may serve as a specimen:

In the *Cabinet* of 17 February, 1803, the editor says: "The southern mail was not received last evening. As the NOSE had not appeared at half-past 11 o'clock, we presumed the MAIL must then be at some distance, and consequently were obliged to put our paper to press without its reception."

In the next issue of the paper the mail carrier, proprietor of the NOSE, reported as follows:

Mr. Cushing—I observed a complaint in your last paper that the NOSE did not arrive on Wednesday evening last, and therefore you was disappointed about the southern news. But the NOSE requests the public not to laugh at nature's works, but they may depend on the NOSE to appear at the post-office at 6 o'clock P. M. Consequently, the mail will arrive in half an hour after. J. W.

He was something of a rhymester in his way, and frequently had something to offer on the occasion of the marriage of his friends. The late Governor Hill was married in a terribly "cold term" in the month of February, which event was noticed by Wheat as follows:

On Concord street I saw a sight quite rare,  
A Hill walked out to take the *Ayer*.  
And now, since earth and sky have come together,  
I think there 'll be a change of weather.

*Sam<sup>r</sup> Wilkins*

DEA. SAMUEL WILKINS

Was for many years one of the leading citizens of the town, and filled many of its most important offices. He served as moderator of the annual meeting eight years, was one of the board of selectmen fifteen years, town-clerk ten years, and representative in the general court one year. He was also one of the deacons of the church forty-two years.

In his early manhood he was one of the champions of the town in the wrestling and the running matches then common on public occasions. It is said that but few could be found that could lay him on his back. In his old age he became quite infirm, and for a long time



was unable to walk or even rise without assistance. In his infirmity he was tenderly cared for by his sons Daniel and Thomas. (See p. 881 : 4.)

JOHN HUBBARD WILKINS,

Youngest son of Dea. Samuel Wilkins, graduated at Harvard College in 1818; commenced business as a publisher in Boston, in 1821. in which calling he was eminently successful. He was afterward engaged as a wholesale paper dealer, and acquired a large property and an extensive influence.

He retired from business in 1853 to accept the office of president of the National Bank of Boston, which he retained until within a month of his death. He was a member of the common council of the city, in 1840, '41, '42 and '43; an alderman in 1844, '48 and '49; a member of the State senate in 1850 and '51; was a member of the Cochituate water-board five years, and once a candidate for mayor, but failed of an election. He married Mrs. Thomasine E. Minot, a sister of Prof. Bond, of Harvard College, 17 November, 1826, but left no children. The bulk of his property was left to societies connected with the New Jerusalem Church, of which he had long been an active member, and to different charitable institutions.

ROBERT BRADFORD WILKINS,

A native of Souhegan West, enlisted in the army 23 April, 1775, and was a private in the company commanded by Capt. Levi Spaulding of Lyndeborough. He took part in the battle of Bunker Hill, in which he was severely wounded.

On the reorganization of the New Hampshire regiments, in 1777, he enlisted in the company commanded by Capt. Isaac Frye, of Wilton, which formed a part of Col. Scammel's regiment. He was commissioned ensign 28 March, 1777, and 1 May, 1779, received a lieutenant's commission, at the request of Gen. Lafayette, for meritorious service near King's bridge, in New York.

On this occasion he received a present of a uniform befitting his rank from the General.

After the close of the war he married Elizabeth Stewart, a sister of the late David Stewart, sen., and settled in Hillsborough, which town, with that of Henniker, he represented in the convention which adopted the Federal constitution, in behalf of the people of New Hampshire, 12 June, 1788.

From Hillsborough he removed to Concord, and subsequently to Pembroke, where he resided for some years. Finally, in his old age,

he removed to Boston, where he died in August, 1832, at the age of nearly 77 years.

When Lafayette visited Concord, in 1825, Wilkins and many others of his old companions in arms met him in the area below the representatives' hall in the State-house. The general recognized and embraced him, calling him, in his broken English, "Bob Wilks." While they were embracing one another, the tears rolling down their cheeks, Gen. Pierce, who acted as master of ceremonies on the occasion, touched Wilkins on the shoulder, saying, "Come, Bob, move on." This was too much for the veteran. Turning, and looking Pierce full in the face, he exclaimed: "Ben Pierce, I commanded *you* in the Revolution, and I'll be d——d if you shall command *me* now." (See p. 839 : 49.)

REV. SENECA WHITE,

Born in Sutton, Mass., 27 February, 1794, graduated at Dartmouth College in 1818, and at Andover Theological Seminary in 1821. He labored as a missionary in different parts of Maine; was settled as pastor of the South Congregational Church in Bath, Maine, in 1823, where he remained seven years. He was pastor of the church in Wiscasset from 1832 to 1837, and subsequently supplied the church in Freeport some time. In 1838 he was settled over the church in Marshfield, Mass., and remained there until 1850, when, on account of ill health, he resigned and removed to Boston, where he resided until 1852, when he removed to Amherst, and died 11 January, 1865, leaving a widow but no children. During his residence in Amherst he served on the school committee several years, and preached occasionally, as opportunity offered and the state of his health would permit.

He had a high standing as a scholar while in his college and seminary course, which he retained while in the ministry. While residing in Maine he was for some years one of the trustees of Bowdoin College.

### ADDITIONS AND CORRECTIONS.

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P. 2. 23d line, erase *hundred*.

P. 60. 22d line, instead of *ten*, read *two* miles.

P. 125. 2d line, instead of 22, read 21 September.

P. 406. 8th line from bottom, James Clark d. at Mount Independence.

P. 443. 14th line, instead of *Henry*, read *Josiah Howard*.

P. 469. 6th line, instead of Henry Codman, son of *Henry Codman*, read Henry Codman, son of *William Cod*.

#### P. 485. ARBUCKLE.

ELIZABETH ARBUCKLE, sister of William, who settled in Merrimack, was born on the ocean, during the passage of the family from Ireland to America. She married William Patterson, and they were great-grandparents of Hon. James W. Patterson, of Hanover.

#### P. 520. BROWN.

5. *Mary Jane*, b. 1 September, 1812; unmarried; d. in Amherst 13 February, 1883.

#### P. 522. BRUCE.

4. *James*, b. 5 November, 1789; d. 19 July, 1869.

7. *Nathaniel*, b. 26 July, 1795; d. in March, 1874.

#### P. 540. COD.

1. For *Henry*, read *William Cod*.

#### P. 555. DANA.

11. His name, *Jonathan Freeman*, was changed by the legislature of Massachusetts to *James Freeman*.

#### P. 565. DODGE.

For VI. 9. LEVI DODGE, read VI. 13. Levi Dodge.

P. 566.

II. 6. JOSEPH DODGE, b. in 1651; m. Sarah Eaton, of Reading, Mass.; he d. 10 August, 1716; she d. 12 December, 1716, aged 64 years.

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54. BENJAMIN DODGE m. (2) Widow Mudgett, of Weare, 15 March, 1812; she d. 5 December, 1838.

P. 579. ELLIOTT.

14. *Charles Franklin*; m. Harriet Thom, of Derry.

P. 582. FARMER.

3. *Miles*; m. (2) Lucy L. Gray. They removed from Salem to Nashua, where he died 24 September, 1860.

P. 587. FLETCHER.

2. *Joseph*; m. Shuah Holt Fletcher.

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28. *Albert*, res. in Boston.

29. *Gustavus Gilman*, res. in Alabama.

31. Omit last, *Emeline Collins* m. Clinton Bradford 26 November, 1874.

P. 591.

52. *George*, b. 6 June, 1838; m. Addie Jones, of Plymouth; res. in Manchester.

54. *John Patterson*, b. 28 May, 1849; res. on the homestead; unmarried.

P. 593. FOLLANSBEE.

JOHN FOLLANSBEE, erase no children, and insert, Their daughter—

*M. E.*, b. 29 August, 1859; m. C. L. Wallace 18 March, 1879; res. in Chicago.

Page 594. FOWLE.

SAMUEL FOWLE, a resident in Amherst prior to 1805, m. Lucy Rea 22 August, 1805. Their son—

*John Rea*, was b. 21 October, 1806.

SAMUEL FOWLE, a Revolutionary soldier, rem. from New Bedford, Mass., to Amherst, in April, 1825. He d. 11 June, 1825, aged 72 years, after years of suffering from a wound received while in the army. He m. Rachel Lawrence. Their children were—

<i>Sally,</i>	<i>Harriet,</i>
<i>Samuel,</i>	<i>Mary,</i>
<i>†Joseph,</i>	<i>Ruth.</i>
<i>Jonathan,</i>	

P. 616. HARTSHORN.

43. JOTHAM HARTSHORN m. *Elizabeth* Blodgett.

47. For *Frank*, read *Franklin*.

VII. 47. For FRANK HARTSHORN, read FRANKLIN HARTSHORN.

51. For *Hattie N.*, read *Hattie M.*

53. For 10 October, 1878, read 10 October, 1877.

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III. 2. DAVID HARTSHORN was b. in Reading, Mass., 3 March, 1711.

P. 664. HOWARD.

30. WILLIAM HOWARD m. Lucy Hassell.

Insert 30½. *Olive*; m. Jonathan Lovejoy.

Insert 32½. *William*, b. 23 May, 1766; m. Rhoda Simonds in 1794. She was b. 20 August, 1768; d. 14 July, 1849. They settled in Hillsborough, where he d. 28 May, 1854.

P. 654. KENDALL.

7. CAPT. THADDEUS KENDALL d. in Burlington, Vt., 16 October, 1843.

P. 684. MCCLUER.

GEORGE A. MCCLUER was killed in *Virginia*. His widow died 11 March, 1873.

P. 685. MCKEAN.

John and others emigrated to *Massachusetts* in 1718.

P. 686.

27. DAVID DANFORTH MCKEAN m. Lydia Page 19 January, 1809. They settled first in Acworth; removed

thence to Antrim, and from Antrim to Bedford. Their children were—

28. *David Danforth*, b. in Acworth 28 November, 1809.

29. *Daniel*, b. 18 March, 1811.

30. *Isaac P.*, b. in Antrim 20 August, 1812.

31. *Hugh*, b. in Bedford 29 November, 1814.

*Mary J.*, b. 29 March, 1816.

*Lucinda G.*, b. 20 October, 1818.

*Lydia S.*, }  
*Lucy J.*, } b. 31 May, 1824.

*Alvira W.*, b. 17 November, 1826.

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36. *Louisa Hamilton*, b. 7 August, 1842; d. 13 September, 1843.

37. *Charles Henry Hamilton*, b. 15 October, 1846.

P. 691.

MELENDY.

5. *Sarah*, b. 5 February, 1739; m. *Jonah Bond*.

P. 694.

49. *Cordelia Maria*; d. 19 October, 1866.

52. *Abby Badger*, b. 19 November, 1830.

P. 695.

IV. 39. CAPT. CHARLES MELENDY, m. (2) Mrs. Sarah Lawrence 25 December, 1861. She d. 26 August, 1870.

P. 697.

83. HAMILTON MELENDY d. 23 January, 1881.

P. 699.

MILLS.

1. *Abigail*, b. 1 August, 1766; m. *John Witherspoon* 14 November, 1793.

P. 703.

MUSSEY.

*Sarah Phelps*, wife of *Reuben* (II. 2.), was b. 20 July, 1715.

III. 4. DR. JOHN MUSSEY m. (2) *Rhoda Bartlett*, of Epsom, 10 November, 1807.

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III. 6. *Sarah* (Straw) Mussey, widow of *Reuben Dimond*, lived to be nearly 100 years old.

17. *Jonathan*, b. 19 September, 1773; m. Miss Allds.  
 19. *Daniel*, b. 7 July, 1778; m. Naomi Gage, of Merrimack.  
 22. *Hannah Dimond*, b. 10 June, 1787; m. Joseph Parker 27 December, 1808; settled in Woodstock, Vt.

P. 710. NOYES.

29. *Elvira*; m. James L. Hardy; res. in Wilton.  
 29½. *Frances C.*; m. John D. Brown in October, 1869; res. in Missouri Valley, Iowa.

P. 723. PEABODY.

47. *Joseph*, b. 3 August, 1770.

P. 728. PETTENGILL.

JOSHUA PETTENGILL resided on the west part of the farm now owned by Thomas B. and Charles H. Parker. He m. — Rollins, a sister to the wife of Lieut. Joseph Prince. Beside the children named on P. 728, they had—

- Hannh*; who m. — Wetherby, and settled in Boston.  
*Jacob*; who d. in Boston, and  
*Moses*; who m. Eunice Bradford.  
*Molly*; m. Ebenezer Ellenwood 21 July, 1806, and d. in March, 1817.

P. 731. PRINCE.

- I. FOR RICHARD PRINCE, read ROBERT PRINCE. ROBERT PRINCE m. Sarah Warren 5 February, 1662, and d. 4 June, 1674. After his decease she m. Alexander Osborn, an immigrant from Ireland. The marriage was not a congenial one, and she became depressed, if not distracted, in her mind. She was also bedridden for some time. In this condition she was accused of witchcraft, and, after examination, was confined in jail, where she died 10 May, 1692.

II. Children of JOSEPH and ELIZABETH (ROBINSON) PRINCE, beside those named on P. 731:

- Susannah*, b. 3 July, 1709; d. 27 August, 1799; unm.  
*Abel*, b. 8 April, 1711.  
*Martha*, b. 21 June, 1713.

*Elizabeth*, b. 18 March, 1716.

*William*, b. 8 September, 1717.

*Samuel*, b. 7 June, 1719.

*Timothy*, b. 12 August, 1722.

II. LIEUT. JOSEPH PRINCE settled in Souhegan West as early as 1740 ; m. Elizabeth Rollins in 1746.

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2. *Elizabeth*, b. 18 February, 1747 ; d. in October, 1831.

6. *Abel*, b. 1 January, 1757.

8. *Susannah*, b. in 1763.

10. *Anna*, m. *Daniel Reddington* 5 May, 1780.

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34. *Abel* ; settled in Warren, Penn.

36. *James*, b. 2 August, 1793.

P. 784.

39. *Sarah*, b. 12 May, 1800.

VI. 36. JAMES, b. 2 August, 1793.

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64. *Sarah*, b. 23 August, 1835 ; married.

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69. *Lucretia A.*, b. 19 September, 1863.

70. *Arthur D.*, b. 15 October, 1864.

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SHATTUCK.

NATHANIEL SHATTUCK d. in Concord 1 September, 1864.

P. 792.

TOWNE.

This family furnished two victims to the miserable witchcraft delusion in 1692.

REBECCA TOWNE, daughter of William, the immigrant from England, married Francis Nourse ; settled in Salem, and, after living a useful and exemplary life, was, at the age of seventy, accused of witchcraft. On this charge she was tried, found guilty, and executed 19 July, 1692.



MARY TOWNE, her sister, married Isaac Easty. She was also accused of witchcraft, and shared the fate of her sister, being one of the eight last executed on "Gallows Hill," 22 September, 1692.

SARAH TOWNE, another sister, married Peter Cloyse. She was accused of witchcraft, and brought before the magistrates, but for some cause not now known was not tried.

P. 801. UNDERHILL.

*Francis French*, b. in 1840; res. in Brooklyn, N. Y.

WESTON.

P. 817.

IV. EBENEZER WESTON, JR., m. (1) Esther Kendall.

- 13. *Sutherland*; m. Mary Lancy.
- 16. *Esther*; d. 29 April, 1850.
- 20. *Lucy*, b. 27 February, 1772.
- 25. *Rebecca Fletcher*; d. 27 April, 1883.

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- 28. *Samuel Wilkins*; d. 9 July, 1863.
- 32. Willard Russell d. in North Conway 21 February, 1874.
- 33. *Abijah Fuller*; d. 13 July, 1878.
- 35. *Robert Weston*; d. 20 November, 1882.

IV. 6. DANIEL WESTON d. about 1768. He was a soldier in the French and Indian war.

- 43. *Judith*; m. John Carleton in March, 1782; d. 25 November, 1824.
- 44. *Daniel*, b. 18 July, 1764; d. in Gray, Me., 28 May, 1837.

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- 45. *Mary*; m. Daniel Averill.
- 46. *David*; d. in infancy.
- 50½. *Achsah*, b. 20 January, 1788; d. in infancy (scalded).
- 51. *Leonard*; m. Mary A. Waite in 1818; d. 8 January, 1855.

IV. 10. THOMAS WESTON, d. 27 December, 1822.

- 57. *Sarah*; m. John Worthley.
- V. 55. *Thomas Weston, jr.*; m. Lucy Wilkins 12 July, 1795.

58. *Ira* ; d. 12 October, 1868. Miriam (Chellis) Wilkins d. 1 January, 1855.

59. *Lucy* ; d. 27 February, 1847.

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60. *John* ; d. 16 May, 1857.

62. *Jason* ; m. (1) Eliza Wilkins ; she died 17 July, 1849 ; m. (2) Jane H. Cammett 29 November, 1849.

66. *Abigail Tuttle* ; d. 16 November, 1853.

VI. 74. ISAAC PLUMER WESTON d. 23 January, 1880.

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82. *Arabella* ; m. Thomas Carr.

83. *George W.* ; d. when 4 years old.

84. *Marietta*, b. in January, 1850.

V. 18. JESSE WESTON m. Anna Hartshorn 18 January, 1792.

89. *David* ; d. 28 July, 1830.

91. *Sarah* ; d. 18 September, 1878.

92. *Lucy Taylor* ; m. Lemuel Towne in 1838.

95. *Eben Hartshorn* ; m. Aurelia J. Crowell 29 October, 1842.

V. 67. JOHN WESTON was killed in 1810.

105. JOHN WESTON m. (1) Sarah, daughter of Kendall Boutell ; she d. 29 May, 1808 ; m. (2) Nancy Weston 5 November, 1809 ; she d. 29 October, 1848. He died 1 April, 1849. He settled in South Reading, Mass., where he was postmaster many years.

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106. *Liberty*, b. 3 November, 1795 ; d. in New Orleans in February, 1819.

107. *John Equality*, b. 13 October, 1796 ; d. 2 July, 1831.

Nine other children were born in South Reading.

## WILKINS.

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3. JOHN WILKINS d. in the summer of 1807.

Lucy (Nichols) Wilkins d. in the summer of 1806.

19. *Sarah Farwell* ; m. David S. Eaton. He married (2) Polly S. Barnard, daughter of Rev. Jeremiah Barnard.

21. *Rebecca* ; d. 27 April, 1848.

## P. 832.

23. *Mary*, b. 5 July, 1785; d. 19 September, 1787.

5. *Tabitha* (Weston), wid. of Capt. Daniel Wilkins, d. in January, 1820.

32½. *Sally*; d. 23 February, 1807, aged 29 years.

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37. *Lucy Jane*; settled in Michigan.

42. *Mary A. Trefethen*.

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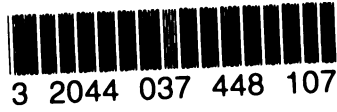
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